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Germans Watching The Weather For Invasion

POMPEY CHEERS MR. ROOSEVELT

"Three cheers for the President of the United States," called Mr. Winston Churchill, standing in front of a ship in Portsmouth Dockyard yesterday, in the course of a three-hours' visit to Portsmouth.

A vociferous response was given to the Prime Minister's call.

Another incident of the visit was, when Mr. Churchill, with the inevitable cigar between his lips, stood in the dockyard with his arm on the shoulders of one of the dockyard workers with whom he had stopped to chat.

As the Premier moved away, the man asked for a moment of the occasion and Mr. Churchill gave him his half-smoked cigar. — Reuter.

INVASION ATTEMPT IS EXPECTED "VERY SHORTLY"

Sir Edward Peacock, British financial expert, arrived in New York yesterday to investigate the disposal of British fixed assets in the United States.

According to the Dow Jones Agency, Sir Edward declared the British authorities expected the Germans to attempt an invasion very shortly. — Reuter.

TURKISH TRIBUTE

Public buildings throughout Turkey flew flags at half mast yesterday as a tribute to General Metaxas whose State Funeral took place in Athens. — Reuter.

Colonel Knox Warns Of 'Very Great Crisis'

COLONEL FRANK KNOX, U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, DECLARED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMATION THAT THE NAZIS ARE NOW WATCHING LONG-RANGE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR A PERIOD OF ANTICIPATED GOOD WEATHER IN WHICH TO LAUNCH AN INVASION OF BRITAIN.

Colonel Knox made this assertion during the course of evidence before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate in which he urged the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill. He added there were certain "menacing developments indicating that a very great crisis would come within 60 to 90 days."

These developments, he said, centred about two things:

First, the German air force had changed its tactics from indiscriminate bombing of London, in a fruitless effort to break British morale, to "far more effective" bombing of industrial centres. Second, the British had not yet been able to find any successful convoy method of combating German submarine activity.

Wild Fancy

Colonel Knox added it would be wild fancy to believe that a negotiated peace could bring stability to Europe.

He said that there had been a lull in German aeroplane production in the last month or two, during which American and British factories had produced more planes than the Germans.

This was due to the desperate German search for "a new type of plane that will make all planes in the air now obsolete."

NAZI BUND OFFICIALS GAOLED

WILHELM KUNZE, NATIONAL LEADER OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND, WAS YESTERDAY SENTENCED WITH EIGHT BUND ASSOCIATES TO A YEAR TO 18 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR VIOLATING NEW JERSEY'S "RACE HATRED" LAW.

Two of those sentenced were also fined \$2,000, and others \$1,000 each. Kunze succeeded Fritz Kuhn, leader of the Bund, who went to Sing-Sing for grand larceny of the Bund's funds. — Reuter.

BRITISH MILITARY MISSION TALKS IN GREECE

General Marshall Cornwall and Air Vice-Marshal Elmhurst, of the British military mission in the Middle East, arrived in Istanbul yesterday from Ankara.

While in Ankara they held talks with the Turkish General Staff. — Reuter.

TRANSFER OF WOMEN WORKERS

A large-scale transfer of women workers from peacetime industry in Britain has begun.

Leicester women hosiery operatives and clerks and warehouse staffs are being released almost immediately for work in the armaments industry elsewhere.

A census of all workers in the hosiery industry is being taken on Monday and each manufacturer will be called upon to supply a quota of women employees. — Reuter.

TOKYO TO STAGE PEACE TALKS

IT IS REPORTED from Tokyo that the armistice agreement between Thailand and Indo-China was signed aboard a Japanese warship off Saigon thus bringing to an end the three-month old border dispute between Thailand and the French Colony.

In an official statement on the signing of the agreement, the Information Board announced that as a result of the Armistice Conference between France and Thailand which has been in progress aboard a Japanese warship on the high seas off Saigon, with Japanese delegates participating, an armistice agreement was reached at 8.00 p.m. Tokyo time yesterday, and that the fully authorised delegates of the two countries and also the Japanese

delegates attached their signature seals thereto.

Peace Conference In Tokyo

A fundamental settlement of the border dispute between the two countries awaits discussion at the Peace Conference which is to be held shortly in Tokyo. "However, the fact that the armistice, which constitutes a preliminary condition of such solution, has been so speedily concluded, due to complete understanding of and earnest efforts for peace and tranquillity within the sphere of common prosperity in East Asia on the part of the two countries concerned, is a matter with which the Japanese Government is exceedingly gratified."

General Gautier, Chief Secretary to the Indo-China Governor-General, will be appointed Chief Delegate to the forthcoming Peace Conference in Tokyo, says a Japanese report quoting well-informed quarters in Saigon.

He will be assisted by Captain Jouan, Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau, M. Gihouves, Chief of the Foreign Affairs Section of the Political Bureau and three others, adds the report.

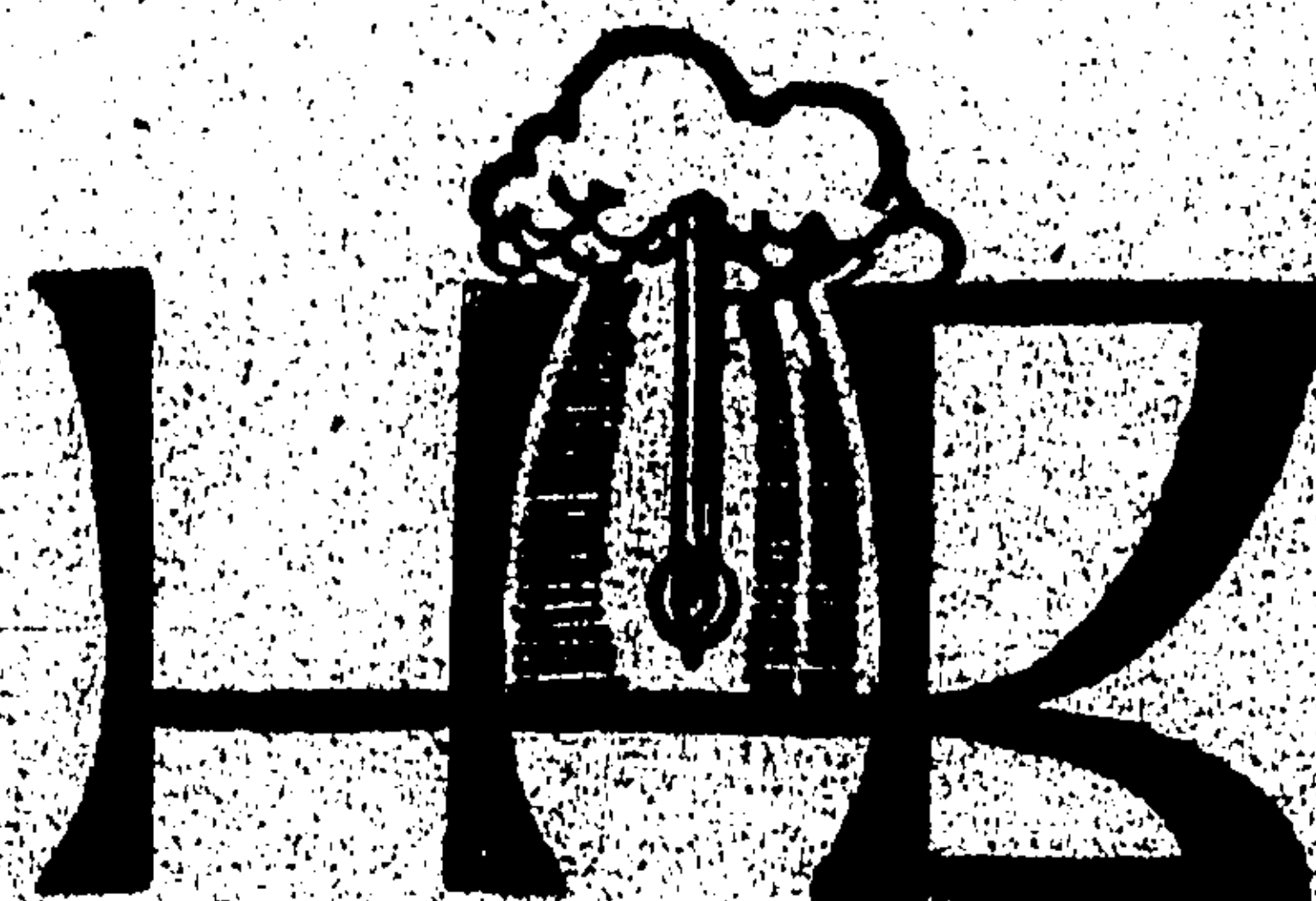
BUCHAREST SEARCHES

RUMANIAN IRON GUARDISTS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A BROADCASTING STATION IN FULL WORKING ORDER.

A house-to-house hunt for arms and looted property is being carried out in parts of Bucharest.

A new decree issued yesterday annuls all forced sales of property of Jews made before September 6. — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Hitler Not Kept Waiting For Answer To Bombastic Speech

Swift Reply From President Roosevelt

"HERR HITLER IS INEXTRICABLY INVOLVED IN SIGNOR MUSSOLINI'S DISASTERS. IF SIGNOR MUSSOLINI EATS GREEN APPLES, HERR HITLER GETS THE STOMACH-ACHE!"

These words, which were recently used by Mr. Hearst, the well-known American newspaper magnate, were quoted by Mr. Cyril Lakin, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the latest developments in the international situation.

Mr. Lakin said that Herr Hitler did not have to wait long for an answer to the bombastic threats and boasts which he made in his speech in Berlin on Thursday.

Dr. Goebbels himself had given a hint of the real feelings behind those threats when he declared that they all knew that there were difficult weeks and months ahead, but that the Fuehrer could depend on the German people.

Hollow Laugh

"The first part of the statement is very true," said Mr. Lakin, "but as far as the second part is concerned I don't know how far Herr Hitler can rely on the German people. It is, indeed, strange that Dr. Goebbels should have felt it necessary to reassure Herr Hitler on that point."

"Herr Hitler really has no one else to rely on, least of all his junior partner in crime — Signor Mussolini." He glossed

over Signor Mussolini's ignominious part in the recent developments and pretended to laugh at the idea of Signor Mussolini falling out of the Axis. It was rather a hollow laugh.

"It looks as if there is nothing he can do to help the Italian Empire from falling out now," said Mr. Lakin, who then went on to detail briefly the latest successes scored against the Italians in Africa and in Albania.

Fatal Friend

"What is Herr Hitler doing about it? What can he do about it?" asked Mr. Lakin. "He must do something, because as Mr. Hearst, the American newspaper magnate put it, Herr Hitler is inextricably involved in Signor Mussolini's disasters. If Signor Mussolini eats green apples, Herr Hitler gets the stomach-ache!"

Mr. Lakin then quoted a passage in Herr Hitler's speech in which the latter said: 'Signor Mussolini accepts my hand as a handshake of honour.'

"Heaven help him," said Mr. Lakin, 'Herr Hitler may be



ABBEY BURIAL FOR NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN. The catafalque in front of the Altar before the burial service of the Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain at Westminster Abbey. (Fox, Copyright).

formidable as an enemy, but as a friend he is fatal. Already Italy is reaching the position of another partner in the Axis — Rumania, whose existence as a free state has been strangled by Germany."

Reply By Roosevelt

Mr. Lakin declared that Herr Hitler had also had a swift answer from the United States to his threats against that country.

Within three hours of his threats, President Roosevelt released the full text of the pledge he made to Britain's Ambassador, Lord Halifax, in which he expressed his full determination to continue on an ever-increasing scale American assistance to Britain.

"Almost at the same time as the German Fuehrer was declaiming in Berlin," said Mr. Lakin, "Mr. Roosevelt's 'Lend and Lease' Bill passed its first road test when it was approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives."

Mr. Lakin quoted several other statements by prominent Americans who supported this attitude, such as Col. Knox, who had stated that he would rather die fighting Herr Hitler than to live under his rule. There was Mr. Sumner Welles who had stated that Herr Hitler's so-called 'New Order' would merely be a return to the stone-age, with civilisation returned to barbarism. There was also a statement by Senator Glass who supported sending goods to Britain in American ships and who wound up with the words "To hell with Herr Hitler. I would rather be a corpse than a poltroon."

Confidence In Britain

"If this goes on much longer, Herr Hitler will be calling the United States the most backward country in that continent," said Mr. Lakin.

"We in Britain take little notice of his jeers and sneers and abuse of us. His threats of increased submarine attacks and intensified war against our shipping may be real enough, but we are confident of being able to meet them as successfully as we have done in the past."

"If he is as confident as he wishes to make his people believe he is, why all these threats not only against the United States but also against the smaller states in Europe who refuse to succumb to the deluge of his 'New Order'?"

Mr. Lakin turned to Herr Hitler's attitude towards France and referred to the latest demands which had been made on Vichy by the German-controlled Paris press.

Herr Hitler wanted France to cooperate with him by giving him a foothold in North Africa and a refusal might mean the use of force against France to take Tunis from her and to establish M. Laval as the head of a rival Government in Paris.

"There are many disadvantages from the German point of view for taking these steps," said Mr. Lakin, "and things would be much simpler if Herr Hitler could get

NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR GENERAL METAXAS

A National Funeral for General Metaxas was held in Athens yesterday and was attended by King George of Greece and all Cabinet Ministers, including the new Premier.

The British Minister and members of the Diplomatic Corps also attended.—Reuter.

HITLER'S EMPTY BRAVADO

Hitler's Sports Palace speech was described in the Indian Press yesterday as empty bravado.

The "Bombay Sentinel" says the warning to the U.S. was misplaced since President Roosevelt is in no mood to be frightened.

The invasion of Europe which Hitler challenges may come at the proper time, even as Hitler is going to carry out his own invasion in his own time, and when ever Hitler tries it he will find Britain ready for it.

The "Madras Mail" says Hitler now stands the self-confessed enemy of Democracy and freedom.

He raves, doomed to strut his hour upon the stage of Europe and then pass into the oblivion whence, unhappily, he emerged nearly 20 years ago.

"The Hindu" declares that this time it is the U.S.A. which is threatened. If Hitler meant to put the fear of God into the American Government the attempt has already failed.—Reuter.

CANTON SURPRISE ATTACK

Chinese mobile units made a surprise attack at Shekchuanhu in the northern suburbs of Canton on January 26. The Japanese were taken unawares and lost scores of men. About ten Japanese and puppet officers and men were taken prisoner.

Japanese troops from Shumchun made an attack at Shawan and Yimlin on January 27 but were repulsed by the Chinese.—Central News.

DE GAULLE APPEAL TO NORTH AFRICA

A STIRRING APPEAL to the French Army in Africa to re-enter the war and help complete the conquest of Italian Libya, was delivered by General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, in a broadcast last night.

General de Gaulle said that the great battle in the Mediterranean would suddenly increase in scope and if the battle were lost, French independence would vanish for ever and it would be the end of the French Empire.

If, on the other hand, the battle was won, the fate of the enemies would be sealed.

After referring to the part played in the battle in the Mediterranean by Free French forces, General de Gaulle said: "Generals, officers and men of French Africa, my comrades in arms, let us stand together."

"Are you going to stay inactive with your arms by your side, humiliated and broken-spirited, when the fate of France and her Empire is being decided at your guns' range?"

"Are you not going to break, as we have done, for France's service and honour?"

"Together let us fight the most just of all wars—a war of honour and liberation."—Reuter.

what he wants in North Africa with the consent of Vichy. Vichy, however, will not fall for this great piece of bluff and intimidation."

THE GIPSY SMILED—

A Gypsy well-known in Kent sat opposite a well-dressed woman on a bus travelling to Maidstone.

"You are nicely dressed, ma'am," said the gypsy to the woman, "but I bet I've more money on me than you."

"Really," said the well-dressed woman, with a friendly smile.

"Yes," replied the gypsy. "You see when you came out this morning you forgot your purse."

The woman, who was going shopping, hastily opened her handbag. "Why, you're quite right," she said, with an astonished frown.

A smile flickered for a second on the aged face of the gypsy.

"And I can tell you something more," she said, presently. "The war will be over in February and Britain will win it."



A.A. BRING DOWN A NAZI NIGHT RAIDER. The A.A. boys recently brought down another German night raider before it had time to drop its bombs. The plane was a Heinkel III and it crashed into a house at Bromley, Kent. Photo shows: Examining one of the parachutes which the Nazi airmen did not have time to use. (Fox, Copyright).

WARNING OF ORDEAL AHEAD

"Greatest And Grandest Hour" Of Our History Near

"Conquer Or Perish"--Mr. Alexander

"WHAT WE HAVE accomplished has given us our chance to win. Now we have to take that chance to go on to victory," said Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at Preston yesterday.

Our sternest ordeal, Mr. Alexander said, lay ahead. Our courage and endurance would have to rise to yet greater heights.

Inevitably the day drew nearer when the full weight of the mightiest military machine the world had ever known would be hurled against us.

"We shall have to meet the onslaught single-handed and we must conquer or perish.

Not The First Time

"The greatest and grandest hour of our history is approaching and we shall arise to it."

This was not the first time, Mr. Alexander continued, that our destiny had been at stake. We had faced up successfully in the past to other Dictators.

Referring to the drawing together of Britain and the United States Mr. Alexander said the task of freeing the world from tyranny and oppression had been laid upon the English-speaking races.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE INTEREST

Kaffirs were the main feature of interest on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, advancing on local and South African buying, while home rails also rose in

BOMB EXCHANGE IN PUBLIC-HOUSE

The handing over of a bomb in a public-house was described at Westminster when Michael Block, 39, machinist, of Fawcett Street, South Kensington, was remanded for 14 days on bail charged with "committing an act in relation to a bomb (German) calculated falsely to suggest that it did not belong to his Majesty."

Det.-Sergt. Wilmot said that Block had stated that when in a public-house he heard a soldier apparently offering the bomb to the manager, who declined to have it. Block thought he would have it as he had heard that such things were used for Spitfire fund collections. The soldier was bought a couple of drinks and he handed over the bomb, which he said, was harmless.

view of the approaching dividend season. Other sections were mainly dull, apart from some foreign bonds, which encountered small speculative enquiry. Wall Street was quietly steady.—Reuter.



JUNKERS 88 SHOT DOWN IN SURREY. A raider was brought down in the early hours in the vicinity of Godstone, Surrey. It was a Junkers 88, one of the latest German bombers. Photo shows the wrecked machine showing tail broken off in the background. (Fox, Copyright).

TRANSFER OF BATTLESHIP "RIDICULOUS"

"Ridiculous" was the description applied by Mr. A. B. Purvis, head of the British Supply Council, to American press reports that the new British battleship "King George V" is to be traded for 20 United States destroyers, says a Dow Jones agency despatch from Washington.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S MEDDLING IN THAI DISPUTE

DANGERS INHERENT in the Japanese mediation between Thailand and Indo-China were pointed out yesterday in messages sent by the London "Times" Singapore correspondent. Both Thai and Indo-Chinese circles, wrote the correspondent, are fully aware of the potential dangers in the Japanese mediation.

Latest information suggests that Thai's losses, particularly aerial and naval, were heavier than admitted in Thai communiques. Presumably that caused Thai's willingness to accept the Japanese offer of mediation for which Thai realises that Japan may attempt to secure a reward.

This reminds the Thais of a fable about two fishermen quarrelling over a fish caught between them when a third intervened awarding head and tail for both while he himself carried off the best middle part.

Observers in Singapore, the "Times" correspondent continued, believe that Japan's mediation is closely linked with an Axis plot which is calculated to extend the war in the Far East soon. The details of the plot are yet unknown but it is significant that the German News Agency quoted messages showing the Germans are watching closely events in East Asia.

Sufficient available facts indicate that the aim of Japan's mediation is not so much re-establishing peace in the region of dispute as getting opportunities to intervene in the affairs between the disputing countries, gaining an advantageous position for advancing southward and thereby satisfying the partners of the triple alliance.

Nazi Wishes

If by adroit diplomatic and military moves Japan can establish a strong position in Indo-China and Thailand, Japan's preparation for a campaign against Britain by attacking Burma and Malaya will meet Nazi wishes.

Consequently certain quarters consider Malaya is in real danger of being involved in a war during the next few months. Though today Japanese forces are not formidable in Indo-China, Japanese concentrations on Hainan Island nevertheless constitute the jumping-off base for backing further Japanese demands to Indo-China which Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, the Indo-China Governor, is hardly able to resist, particularly if Hitler should press Vichy to

accept. It is obvious that during the mediation, the position stands somewhat thus: Firstly the French who need all resources for resisting Japanese intentions become embittered against Thai. Secondly Thai who may herself need defence forces for opposing the Japanese is weakened after encounters with the French. Finally Japan by splitting the belligerents consolidates her own position by enforcing her will on both.

Puppet States

The correspondent further opined that Japan's reward may constitute heavy obligations imposed upon Thai for stationing Japanese troops in the disputed frontier regions "for maintaining order" as a preparatory step to make both Thai and Indo-China puppet states in the Japanese "New Order" with neither able effectively to thwart Tokyo. Both can place obstacles and difficulties in the way of Japan's advance but can scarcely effectively stop Japan if Tokyo is prepared to risk the consequences. All these actual and potential developments, concluded the correspondent, constitute the greatest significance for Malaya. Japan may make "an attempt to outflank the guns of Singapore" and "get at Singapore by the back door." Fortunately the back door is well protected.—Central News.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS NOTICE

St. Stephen's College, Stanley

School will re-open on MONDAY, 2nd February, at 8.15 a.m.

R.A.F. MAN IN SUICIDE DRAMA

A sergeant in the R.A.F. and a Scottish girl who posed as a married couple were found dead in the bedroom of a boarding house when their morning tea was taken up to them.

At the inquest at Cardiff only evidence of identification was taken, the inquiry being adjourned.

The couple were Ida Mary Potter (20), whose home is at Forteviot, near Forganthy, Perthshire, and Sergt. Ernest Clement John Ivamy (28), of Inverness Road, Portsmouth.

The couple, who arrived at the boarding house in Tudor Street, Cardiff, about ten days ago, and had registered, according to the landlady, as Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, were found dead when a member of the staff took up morning tea.

Two letters found are in the possession of the police.

Alfred James Potter, a forester, the girl's father, said that he last saw her about 12 months ago, when she came home on holiday. He last heard from her a few months ago from St. Andrew's, where she was then employed as a domestic servant.

Answering the Coroner, Mr. Potter said he was not aware of her association with any men.



CHAMBERLAIN FUNERAL SERVICE. A funeral service for the late Mr. Neville Chamberlain was held at Westminster Abbey. Photo shows the Duke of Gloucester in the procession as it left the Abbey. (Fox, Copyright).

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This exclusive picture taken at a London station shows the men who sank the Empress of Britain. Some of the prisoners walking along the station. Note one of them covering his face. (Fox, Copyright).

INDISCRIMINATE DAY BOMBING OF LONDON HOSPITALS

INDISCRIMINATE daylight bombing from cloud-hidden German 'planes hit three London hospitals yesterday, while a lone raider machine-gunned fishing boats off the south-west coast of England.

One raider was brought down into the sea off Cornwall and a second near Lewes, in Sussex.

An ambulance man was killed at one London hospital where a bomb hit a corner of the main building. Two other ambulance men and a medical student were seriously injured but no patients were hurt.

Damage at the second hospital was restricted to the boiler house and windows of a ward.

The third hospital received a direct hit and a few patients received minor injuries, but some of the staff were badly hurt.

Official Account

The official account of the day's raids says enemy aircraft operating singly dropped bombs through the clouds at several points in the London area and at a few other places in the southern part of England.

Some houses and other buildings in the London area were damaged and a small number of fires caused by incendiary bombs.

The number of casualties reported is not large.

Elsewhere little damage was done and there were very few casualties.

The official report confirms the destruction of two enemy bombers.—Reuter.

FARM LAD NOW MAYOR

A former farmer's boy who earned £5 a year has been elected Lord Mayor of Nottingham.

He is Alderman Walter Halls, a well-known Cooperator. For the last 20 years he has been president of the Nottingham Co-operative Society.

In June last Mr. Halls retired, under the age limit, from the Central Board of the Co-operative Union, on which he had served since 1922.

Alderman Halls started work on a farm at the age of 10, and

EVACUEES IN MANSION: SUED

An Edinburgh man who paid £450 for the lease of a mansion and shootings for two months and claimed damages from the owner because evacuees were there for twenty-seven days, failed in an Edinburgh Court of Session action.

John C. W. Barrett, a master printer, of Succoth Place, Edinburgh, sued Roach Alastair Murray-Allan, of Glenfeochan, Argyll, for £200.

The action was dismissed by Lord Stevenson.

He said Mr. Barrett stated that the presence of the evacuees — three mothers and three children — interfered with his peaceful and exclusive possession of the house and that consequently there was breach of contract.

was paid £5 a year instead of the customary £4 10s. because his father claimed that he had the most powerful lungs to scare the birds away.

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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



HEAVIER PUNISHMENT FOR LOOTERS

It was the duty of a man employed by a railway company to put out fires during an air raid. Instead, he was seen to take a parcel of raincoats.

The story was told at Marylebone Police Court when George James Hanks (28), of Canal-view, N.W., was charged with stealing from a railway goods depot, raincoats, shoes and dress material valued at £15.

"While the bombs fall and everybody is taking cover, wholesale looting goes on upon every railway," said Mr. Harry Ricketts, who prosecuted.

Making an Example

The solicitor added that railway policemen were nightly taking risks which they ought not to take to try to stop wholesale looting.

The Magistrate (Mr. L. R. Dunne) said that the only way to stop these thefts was by way of making an example of those who were caught stealing.

Hanks was given nine months hard labour.

PARK LANE GIRL WIFE'S WISH

A QUIET LIFE with her father and mother is planned by Mrs. Josephine Epstein, seventeen-year-old Park Lane wife, whose action against her husband came to a surprise end at Marlborough Street (London) Police Court.

"I realise now how unwise I was to marry my husband against the wishes of my father and mother," Mrs. Epstein told a reporter at Alford House, Park Lane, her parents' home.

"I am going back to a quiet family life, and shall do my best to forget what has happened in the past."

"I shall now do all I can to get a divorce from my husband. I am glad the Court action against him is over particularly as my mother is ill at the moment."

Mrs. Epstein had accused her husband, Edward Epstein, a Russian merchant, of using threats whereby she went in danger of her life or some bodily harm.

The magistrate, Mr. J. B. Sandbach, K. C., adjourned the case sine die on an undertaking given by both parties not to molest each other. In doing so he said, "This is an end to a very disagreeable matter. It will save more mud being slung about."

Rich Jew of 75

Mrs. Epstein's counsel, Mr. Du Cann, said she was more than

willing not to have any more to do with her husband, and as the undertaking given by Mr. Epstein achieved the object of the prosecution, it was not necessary to proceed any further. The Jewellery he was alleged to have taken from his wife would be restored.

In evidence Mrs. Epstein stated that she met her husband when she was sixteen, married him before a Rabbi, and five months later was legally married.

A few days later, she alleged, he induced her to make the acquaintance of a captain at the Grosvenor Hotel, and misconduct took place.

At her husband's instigation, she said, she also made the acquaintance at The Dorchester of a rich Jew of seventy-five, who gave her between £3,000 and £4,000, and about £1,000 worth of jewellery, bought her an expensive car, took a furnished flat for her and offered her marriage.

She denied he offered to settle £100,000 on her if she would marry him.

When she threatened to break off the relationship, she alleged that her husband terrified her by his threats to kill her.

ASSAULTED HIS WIFE

Stated to have entered his wife's home and assaulted her after climbing a drainpipe, William Green, forty-seven, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment at Chester for assault and to a further month for arrears due under a separation order.

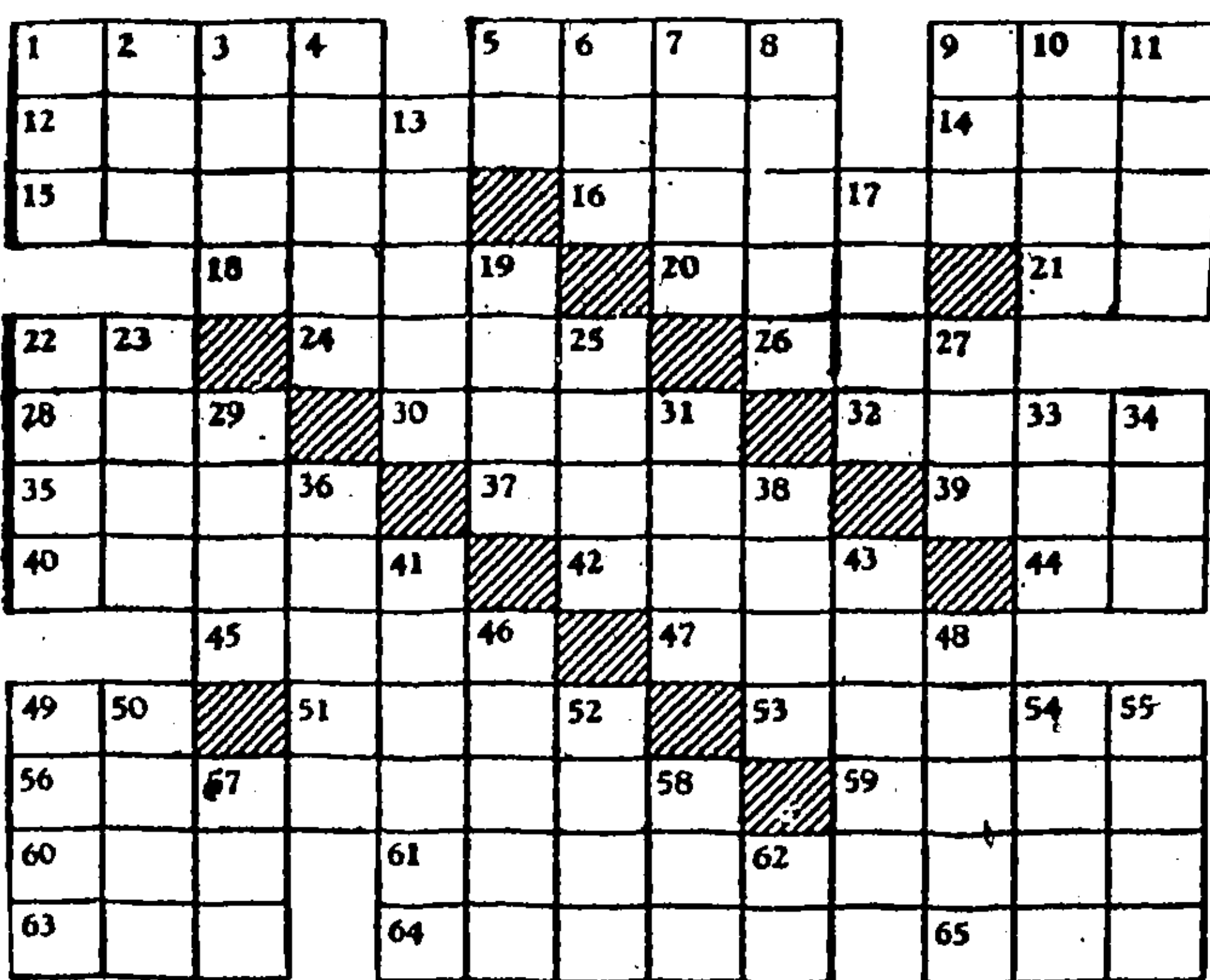
The wife, Mrs. Margaret Green, of Abington Crescent, Saltney, Chester, stated that since the separation she had locked all the doors of the house.

She heard a noise upstairs and, on going to investigate, found her husband coming from a bedroom in his stocking feet. He could only have entered the house by climbing the drainpipe.

Before she could get away from him, she said, he gave her a terrific blow.

Green, who told the magistrates that he entered the house by the back door, said a detective arrested him while he was being sworn in for the Army at Wrexham.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



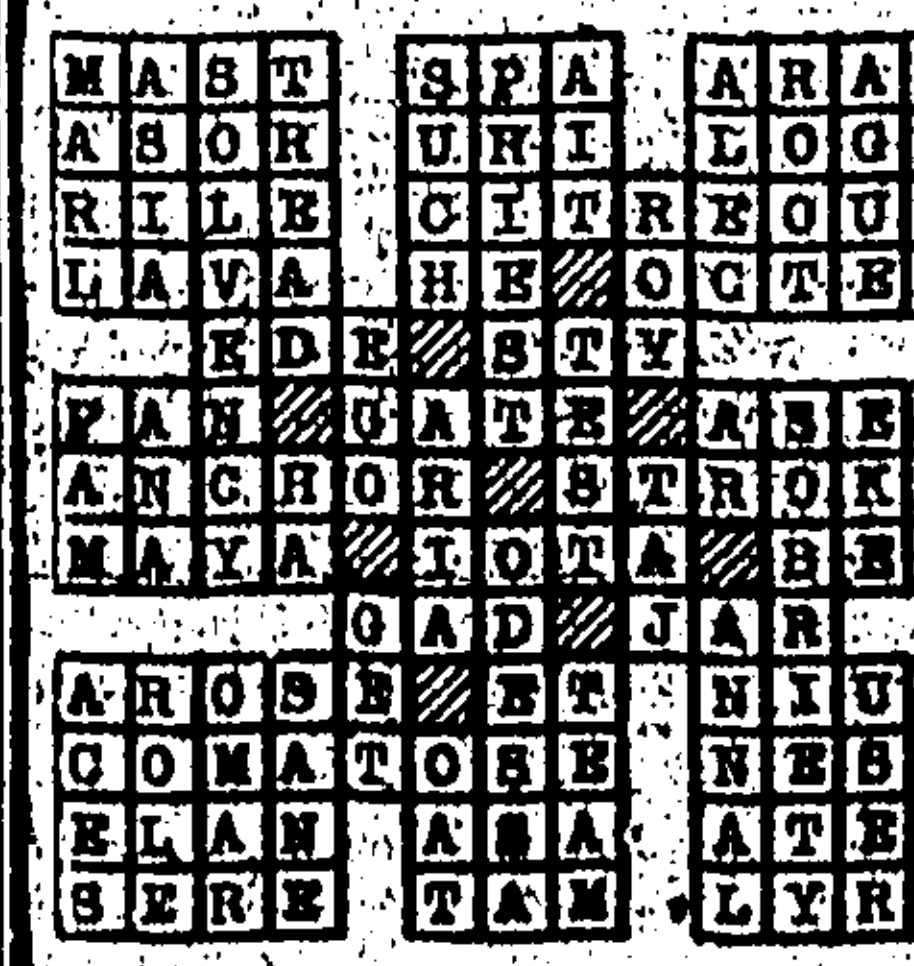
HORIZONTAL

- 1 On top of
- 5 Pertaining to the mouth
- 9 Jack of clubs
- 12 To plunder
- 14 Literary scraps
- 15 To flow off gradually
- 16 Punishment
- 18 Former
- 20 To bite
- 21 Babylonian deity
- 22 Conjunction
- 24 To fabricate
- 26 At present
- 28 Place of concealment
- 30 Profound
- 32 Small European fish
- 35 Turkish regiment
- 37 Thick slice
- 38 Swine
- 40 City in France
- 42 Southern European
- 44 To exist
- 45 Brittle-like appendage
- 47 To rest
- 49 Part of "to be"

VERTICAL

- 1 To append
- 2 Music; three
- 3 Precious stone
- 4 King of Troy
- 5 Hypothetical force
- 6 To knock
- 7 Solar disc
- 8 Russian
- 9 Soviet leader
- 10 Slang: companion

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



10 POKER STAKE

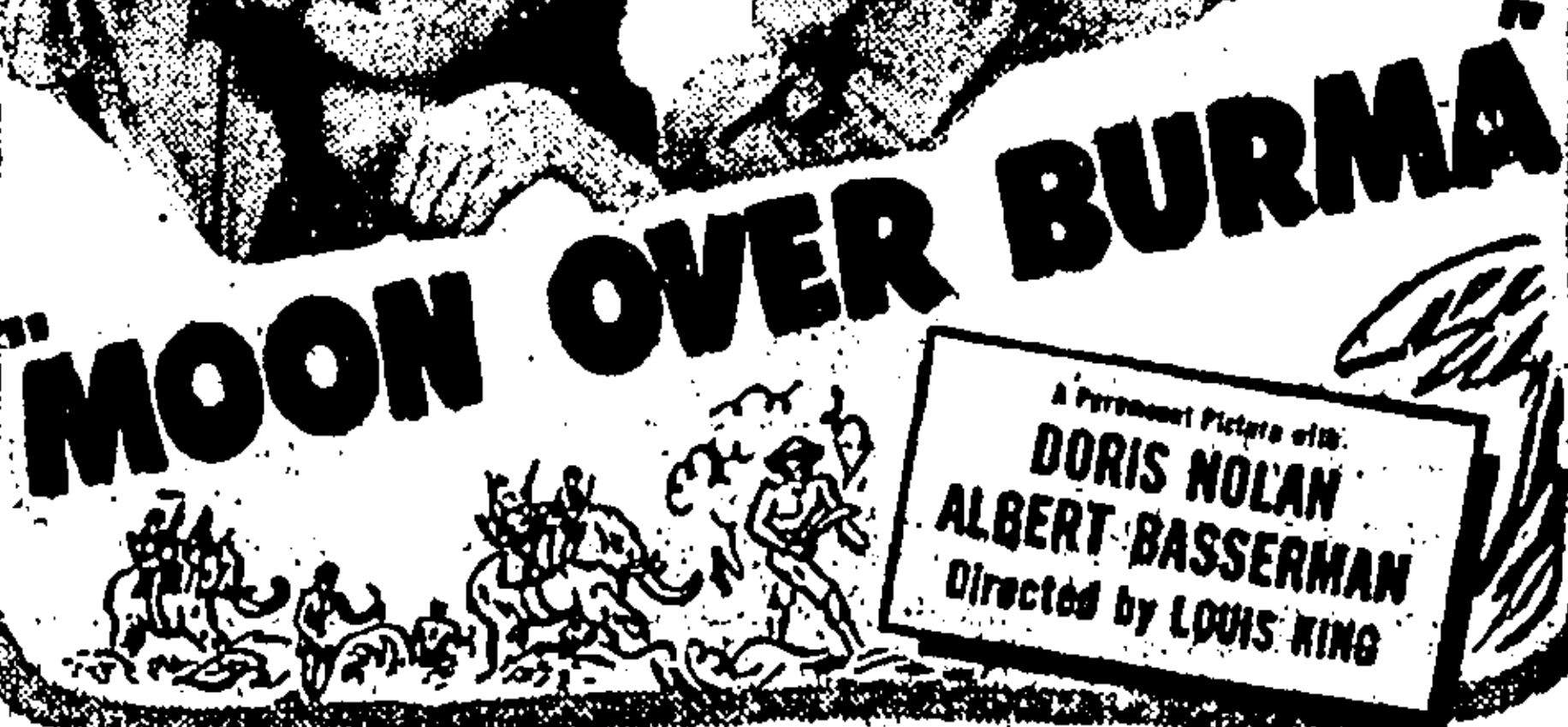
- 1 Yucatan Indian
- 2 Toward the centre
- 3 Footless animal
- 4 Pieces
- 5 Southeastern Asiatic plant
- 6 To count
- 7 Snake-like fishes
- 8 Used to be
- 9 A temple
- 10 Overspreading mass
- 11 Male swan
- 12 Female sheep
- 13 Incompetent
- 14 Cries like a sheep
- 15 Accumulated
- 16 Snake
- 17 Solely
- 18 Networks
- 19 Point of culmination
- 20 Law, delay
- 21 Vein
- 22 Female relative
- 23 Capital of Latvia
- 24 To allow
- 25 Man's nickname
- 26 Since

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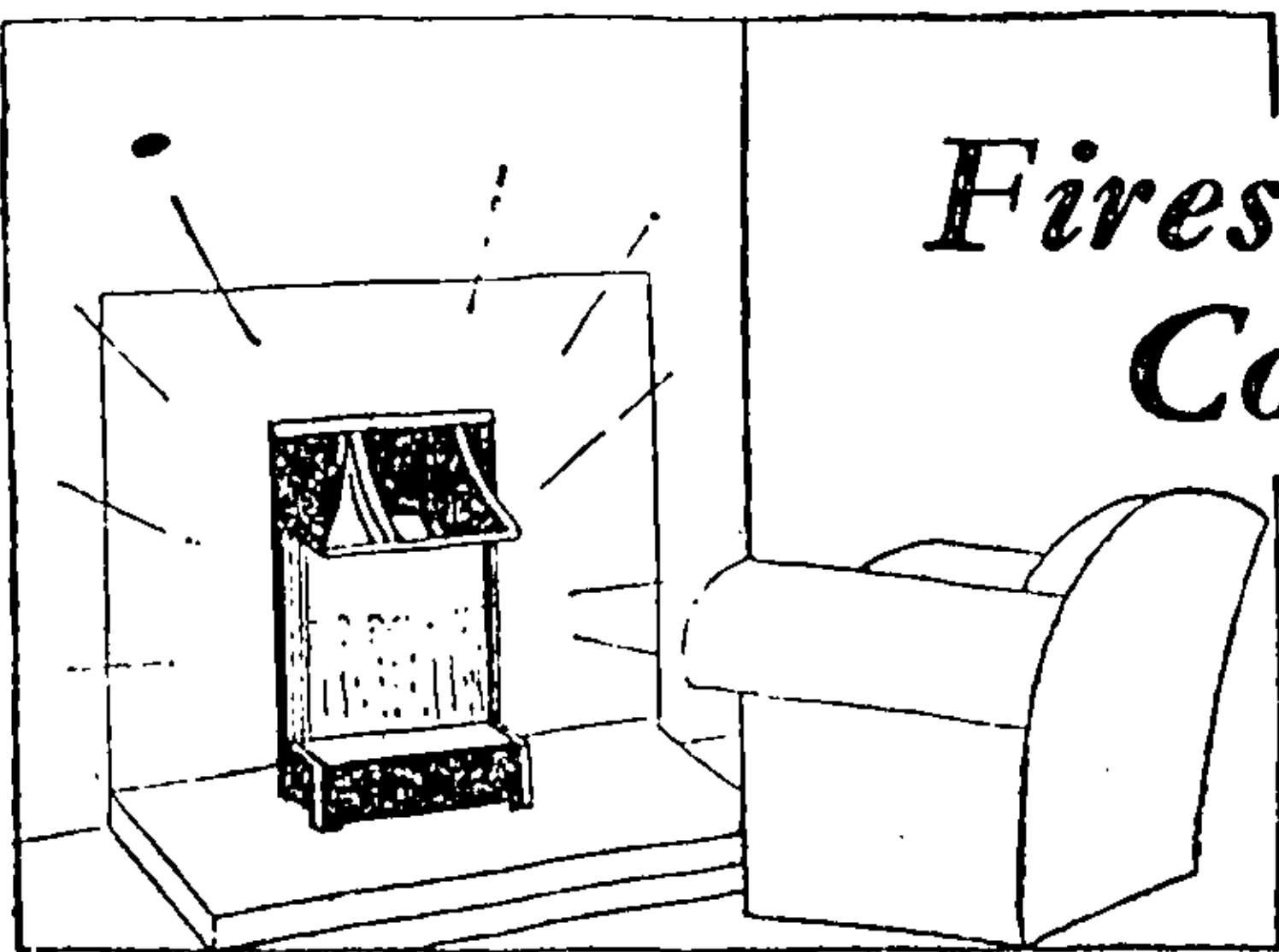
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INDO-CHINA SAID NEAR A COLLAPSE

RELIABLE ADVICES received in Manila by "The Associated Press" through a traveller from Saigon indicate that French Indo-China to-day may be compared to a sick and thirsty man riding a lame camel across a burning desert toward an uncertain waterhole.

The story about the French colony's present position runs this way:

The Indo-China government, virtually stripped of all power by the Japanese, hounded by day by demands from the Japanese for additional concessions, and demoralised by the events transpiring in Europe, is composed of men broken in spirit who are stumbling along from day to day over a wasteland towards an oasis which, in their minds, is American and British aid.

Indo-China finds itself involved in an undeclared war with Thailand (Siam) with only six months' supply of ammunition to supply a poorly trained army composed of disloyal foreign legion troops, anti-French natives and untrained mobilised civilians.

Faces Economic Ruin

Besides facing the prospect of northern Indo-China, and in fact all of Indo-China, being taken over by the Japanese, which even the French admit is very possible without French opposition, and facing the day soon when all munitions may be shot away in a single month should heavy fighting develop, and with a 30-plane air force and no replacements available, the French colony faces virtual ruin in the economic field. Exports, vital to her life, have been blocked by the British and German-controlled Vichy blockades with the Japanese possibly completing the trade slaughter when she forces, by current Tokyo negotiations, her goods into Indo-China without duty and takes goods from the colony paying for them in yen.

The only bright side of the dismal situation is the negotiations under way at Singapore and Hong Kong whereby Indo-China may resume trade with British ports which, if agreed upon, means that Indo-China will be forced to cut relations with Vichy which signed a treaty with Germany declaring that the colony could not trade with British ports. If the trade is resumed there is a possibility that munitions from India will come through Singapore to Indo-China.

Fail To Get U.S. 'Planes

The French colony has been attempting desperately to buy American aeroplanes but so far has failed.

So uncertain is the Indo-China government regarding the future that reliable informants claim members of the government do not know whether they will return to Hanoi after a six-week stay in their Saigon winter quarters.

Most observers feel that the situation of Indo-China is in the lap of the gods who control the war in Europe and the attitude of the American government. It is believed that only America is in position to halt the Japanese and the Siamese.

Oldtimers in Indo-China, including French officials, admit that the French colony has only itself to blame for the present situation as she had every opportunity to develop and fortify herself during boom days but available funds were spent for elaborate buildings and other non-essential projects.

Hope For Allied Victory

Although there is some anti-American feeling in Indo-China, because it is felt that America could do something to help the French, and although there is anti-British feeling because of the British Dakar incident, French Indo-China people deep in their hearts hope that Germany and Japan will be defeated by Britain and America.

A French pilot from the war front reported recently that the French only had 15 frontline planes for use against Thailand. He reported seeing white men flying American and Japanese planes. It is said that the

Siamese have better warplanes and other fighting equipment but that they are poorly trained. The pilot said the French colonial air force was desperately in need of planes.

Following official French confirmation of reports that many Japanese ships have carried huge stocks of munitions to a point near Bangkok where it is being stored, many circles believe that Japan is preparing for a drive upon Singapore from the Burma and Malaya states by land using her navy only to land troops along the Burma and Malaya coasts in order to keep open the road routes and at the same time possibly taking over Saigon and using the airfield there as a base for long-range bombers on four-hour flights to bomb Singapore.

DANGEROUS POWDER FOUND BY SOS

An SOS broadcast appealing for the return of a metal container with dangerous powder inside which had been picked up during an enemy air raid, was answered within fifteen minutes.

The SOS stated that during an enemy air raid, a metal container, believed to have been painted red, was picked up in the Beckenham district by a boy, thought to be an errand boy or a builder's assistant.

"Some powder, which apparently came from the container, was examined and is believed to be dangerous," it was added.

SWAM AMID BOMB

During the Dunkirk evacuation, First-class Stoker Brian Gaughan, of Dunbar, East Lothian, stripped naked, swam a quarter of a mile and rescued two men, afterwards helping other drowning men near his ship.

All the time German planes were bombing and machine-gunning.

It is now announced that he has been awarded the D.S.M. for conspicuous gallantry.

GIRL DANCER SPENDS HONEYMOON IN CELLAR

MISS TRIXIE GARDNER, young London dancer, now in Lisbon after six months' flight from the Germans, has revealed how she spent her honeymoon in a cellar being bombed by the R.A.F.

There is no obstacle to her leaving alone for her home at Sudbury Heights Avenue, Greenford, Middlesex. But Trixie refuses to part from her husband — a Yugoslav — whom she married in German-occupied Antwerp.

"I shall not go until I am able to obtain a visa for my husband to come to England, too," she said.

The British Consulate here has made representations to the British Passport Office on the matter.

Six months before war began, Trixie and her husband—then her fiancé—decided to go on an international tour of Europe.

They were in Antwerp when its fall was imminent, and they fled to France.

After being detained by Belgian soldiers, who suspected them of being spies, and afterwards by the French, they were advised to return to Antwerp. When they reached the city it was in the hands of the Germans.

They decided to get married

TOO MANY GIFTS FROM U.S.

Gifts from America to people in Britain are taking up too much valuable shipping space, which is needed for necessities.

So it has been decided to set up a committee under the chairmanship of Sir Ronald Lindsay, till recently British Ambassador in Washington, to advise on offers of gifts from America, and to decide in which cases shipping space can be made available.

THE MEN WHO BOMB GERMANY

Here is a pen picture of a night-bomber crew given by a squadron-leader.

Front Gunner: Age 19, shoots off wistecracks when there are no Jerries to shoot at. He is the humorist aboard.

Pilot Officer: A racing motorist in civil life. He is so short that we have to bolster him up with cushions to reach the controls.

Navigator: A young chemist from Leeds. He has flaming red hair, a broad Yorkshire accent and cool efficiency.

Wireless Operator: Gets his excitement when out on a raid by reading thrillers all the way.

Rear Gunner: Something in textiles before the war. Leads a dog's life, all alone in the tail, but always remains irritatingly imperturbable. Sometimes, when we're over a hot spot with "flak" blazing at us his voice will come like a voice from another world to tell us that something on the ground, two miles ahead, is showing a light!

Arrested Again

They were married at a small Protestant church, and their honeymoon was spent in a cellar, where they sheltered from R.A.F. raids.

After many refusals, the German authorities eventually gave them permission to travel to Portugal via France.

At last they reached the small Portuguese frontier village of Villa Formosa, where they were detained once more, but were eventually permitted to travel to Lisbon.

They are now awaiting the decision of the British Passport authorities.

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THE THREE DEMOCRACIES

The news of the death of General Metaxas, Grecian Prime Minister and great military leader, is, though to a less personal degree, as deeply lamented in Great Britain as in Greece itself, for it was largely due to his undaunted courage, his faith in democracy and his determination to maintain Greece's independence that made him decide to fight rather than to submit tamely to the dictates of the Axis. This decision was all the more remarkable in view of the fate of the smaller European countries around him. The fight Greece is putting up has undoubtedly altered the whole history of the war. To-day Italy's Empire is tottering to a fall and Italy is slipping into the same subservient position towards Germany which Mussolini had anticipated Greece would play towards himself.

Greece is in somewhat the same position vis-à-vis Britain as the latter is in regard to the United States. As Greece depends on the British Empire for supplies and financial support, so Britain is looking to America—the great democracy—for assistance to wage this war against Nazism. It is only a question of degree, but it is undeniable that the fate of the democratic world is dependent upon the extent to which these three nations, with China, are prepared to go in the struggle to-day. The extent of their cooperation is the determining factor in the amount of freedom to be enjoyed by the world to-morrow.

In taking over his heavy responsibilities the new Greek Prime Minister, M. Koryzis, can have the same confidence in the outcome of the war as General Metaxas had. No shadow of distrust exists between Britain and Greece and every step taken is made to dovetail in the general scheme jointly laid down. This unity of purpose, this resolve to fight to the end, which is bringing about the downfall of Mussolini and the breaking up of Hitler's dream of an early penetration into Syria and the oilfields of Iran and Iraq, cannot but succeed. The aid which Mr. Churchill promised to Greece and which is so generously being given is a recognition of Greek valour, and the importance of Greece to the common cause. It is also an expression of what Britain

Alexandria, Sea Gate To Egypt, Is Again A Prize Of War

The ship came stealthily out of the opal haze of dawn, her white bows cutting the flat silk of the Mediterranean. The seas parted with the hiss of a sharp knife.

On the starboard bow, under a sky flushed with tiny clouds, the land of Egypt took shape—palms, lonely and spider-topped; tawny desert, flat almost with the sea. Then, ahead, where the bow wave cramed, the vision of palaces and mosques, of a white, tall light-house, a line of buildings shining, rising from the sea. Tower beyond tower, gleaming roofs and cloud-seeking minarets, white walls and windows which winked back the sun.

An arm of stone thrust far arching into the sea, within whose perimeter rode the grey shapes of British battleships, the white grace of a royal yacht. There loomed, sharp-cut the massed masts and bundled sails of Arab dhows, Greek brigantines, schooners of the Levant with their 1840 bows, two-masted barques, salty and grey from Italy. Bermuda-rigged yachts of the millionaires sat the water like swans.

There stood Alexandria, city born of the golden youth of Greece, gateway to the Egypt of the Ptolemies and Cleopatra, of Napoleon and Nelson, of Cromer and Lord Lloyd.

Rich Trading Port

Such was my first impression. Alexandria is a city unique. It has age and modernity, history and disreputability, beauty that aches and squalor incredible. It is compounded of all colours and races, the riches and vices, the smells and noises, the pride and the degradation of the Levant, a city born of the changing tides of nations who border the tideless sea.

To-day Alexandria is once again a supreme prize of war. Alexandria is the key to the northern door, guardian of the sea gate.

It has a population of about 600,000, two magnificent harbours

hopes to receive in the same generous spirit from the United States.

Without British aid Greece could not hope to withstand the forces arrayed against her. This aid includes substantial credits from Britain for the purchase of war materials, but as it is recognised in London that any financial aid is little more than technical, there is no hindrance to Greece receiving maximum support to the fullest extent of the resources of Britain and the Empire, without stint or question of payment. The question of payment has truly become a secondary consideration. Money is losing its position as the dominating factor in the world to-day. As the "Economist" recently pointed out: "In the fullest sense, the role of finance in war is to ensure that nothing is ever decided on financial grounds." This truth is being grasped not only in Britain but also in the United States. There is therefore, no limit to supplies to Greece save the limit of transport—a problem which is being met by the British Navy.

of over 2,100 acres in extent, a vast series of quays and docks, an annual visiting tonnage of about 5,000,000 tons, and a big export trade in cotton, grain, cottonseed, beans, rice, tomatoes, sugar and onions—the latter a poignant note at the moment.

First Glorious City

Alexandria in fine, can "answer all the questions." She can provision a fleet, bunker half a navy. He who holds Alexandria has a throttle-hold on Egypt. He hammers at the door of Suez.

History—like truth and family traits—has an odd habit of re-

By

J. Wentworth Day

peating itself. After 2,000 years Alexandria is again the prize of a world war.

Alexander the Great, the Macedonian boy, came to Egypt in about 335 B.C., half the world at his feet, the other half trembling in its sandals.

This golden-haired young man, clean-shaven and idealistic in an age of beards and brutality, picked upon this sandy strip of land where stands Alexandria as the ideal situation for the city he wished to build.

Before it lay the sea. Behind it were the wide waters and reedy swamps of Lake Mariut. Beyond that the Nile and the desert. The strip of land between lake and sea was barely a mile wide. It was ideal for a great cosmopolitan port which should have one foot in the sea and one in the river of Egypt then the granary of the world. It was protected from

direct land attack behind. In front the island of Pharos promised the beginnings of that great harbour in which to-day the whole of the British Mediterranean Fleet can ride at anchor.

So Alexander built magnificently and well. From his new white palace of Lochias, marble-shining, on a rocky promontory in the sea, he laid a great street, straight as a sword, to his new harbour on the lake side. Crossing this, from east to west, he planned the even nobler street of Canopus. It was two miles long, a hundred feet wide, where ten chariots might drive abreast. On either side were marble buildings. Their stately colonnades and brilliant flower beds gave shade and colour to the morning gossip-walks of Greek and Macedonian, Syrian and Jew, Egyptian and Phoenician.

The rest of the city was planned in squares and rectangles, as New York is planned to-day. There was a forum and a temple to Poseidon, a university and a theatre, a public library and courts of justice, a gymnasium and swimming pools.

Demokrates, the great Macedonian architect, who designed the temple of Diana at Ephesus, was the designer of the city. His grandeur of mind and Alexander's width of vision made the new Alexandria the first city in the world. Its palaces and monuments, marble steps to the sea and glory of flower gardens, its pageantry of troops and ships, its graceful skyline of towers and minarets caused Achilles Tatius to cry, "We are vanquished, mine eyes."

Alexandria still preserves some of the squares and wide streets, gardens which glow and palaces which gaze upon the sea. The great Corniche road, constructed by my friend His Excellency Ahmed Seddik Bey, sweeps

round the shore like a scimitar. It is in the noble tradition.

Cleopatra & Caesar

Other Alexandrias were built in the conqueror's honour—Alexandria now called Kandahar, Alexandria near Kabul in Afghanistan, and Alexandria in Ariana, near Herat. Alexandria on the Mediterranean outstripped them all. It became the bright centre of Greek culture, usurping even Athens. Writing and paper-making, the calendar and astronomy, the study of anatomy, geometry, conic sections, geography and hydrostatics—all these had their being in the city, whose library alone held half a million volumes.

Whilst the might of Greece dwindled, while Carthage rose and fell, while Rome bloomed and then withered, Alexandria still prospered. She saw the swinging legions of Cambyses's army march to their doom in Egypt's Western Desert. Julius Caesar and Mark Anthony landed on her beaches and trod her palaces. She knew the Pharaohs and saw the coming of Mahomed Ali the First. Napoleon's army of the Nile marched behind drums through her wondering streets. She saw his salty topsails pass to their doom at Nelson's hands. Her walls shuddered to the thunder of British guns in Aboukir Bay.

Alexandria is in Egypt yet 'not of Egypt'.

Even the flowers in Alexandria are different from those of Middle and Upper Egypt. In Cairo and Luxor the gardens are artificial, witness to man's defiance of sun and sand. But in "Alex" there are English foxgloves and hollyhocks. The flowers of the field are those which bloom upon the hills of Greece. Asphodel and iris are light of heart in the wind. Daisies and poppies dapple the way.

Centre Of Culture

Walk in these fields of asphodel by the wind-rippled waters of Lake Mariut, and you feel that Cleopatra was no maid of Egypt but a girl of Southern Europe, who barely touched the fringe of the Orient.

She died here, in her marble palace overlooking the sea—that little, dark-haired, tender woman, dominant and loyal. It was in Alexandria that she gained audience of Julius Caesar, by hollywood strategy. I like to think of that star-brilliant night when her faithful companion, Apollodorus the Sicilian, landed her by boat at the palace steps in the harbour, carried her on his shoulder, wrapped in his roll of bedding, straight into the apartment of Caesar, dropped the bundle at the Roman's feet—and out struggled the dishevelled, laughing, 21-year-old Queen of Egypt.

She conquered Caesar as she conquered Anthony. Those two, the only loves of her life were lived in Alexandria. She and Anthony roamed its streets at night like boy and girl, knocking at people's doors and then running away laughing as the Alexandrians laugh still from the sheer fun of life.

Here Anthony is buried. Here, in the ghostly shades of the palace by the sea, Cleopatra, faced by the malevolent Octavian with the prospect of being dragged in chains through the streets of Rome, died magnificently—upon her bed of gold, arrayed in her Grecian robes of state, decked with all her regal jewels, the royal diadem of the Ptolemies encircling her brow.

"Very Well Done"

When the Roman officer who found her dead turned to Charmion, her lady in waiting, and demanded angrily, "Charmion, was this well done of your lady?" she, Charmion, deathly white, gasped, "Very well done, and as befitted the descendant of so many kings." Then she, too, fell dead beside her mistress.

Alexandria to-day is the Cleopatra of sea cities, "descendant of many kings."

In this momentous day of her history, which now strides urgently towards her, over sea and desert, she will see the outcome of that battle, and it will be "very well done."

Criminals Neglect Their Work

Crime in Britain, for the first time since the outbreak of war, is on the increase. This is due entirely to widespread cases of looting; orthodox crime is very much on the decrease.

The vigilance of 21,000 policemen and an anti-looting squad of 300 detectives has failed to check

By Percy Hoskins

this form of crime, and the Scotland Yard chiefs are now asking themselves whether the only real way to stop it is the enforcement of the death penalty.

A magistrate is empowered to sentence a person found guilty of looting to twelve months' hard labour, or, alternatively, to send the case to a higher court, in which case, under the Defence Regulations, the death penalty can be imposed.

But the police say there is too much leniency. In only one or two cases has the full summary sentence been passed and in one case the offender got off with a £5 fine.

Women Decoys

Other types of crime showing an increase are ration thefts and petty shop-breaking—mostly tobaccoists. Otherwise crime is at zero. Women decoys employed by Scotland Yard have stopped hand-bag snatching. For the burglar the bottom has fallen out of the jewel market. The "confidence" man and the sharepusher have no tourist trade to operate on, while the holes in the roads are more effective obstacles to the smash and grab men than police barriers. But for looting crime would be at the same low level as in the last war, when the only offence to show an increase was bigamy.

Serious offences were 7,738 in

1914 and 3,486 in 1918—a fall of 55 per cent.—and the non-indictable offences fell from 113,088 to 13,996. Crime was on the decrease before this war, and the general call upon our man power probably drew many potential criminals into the Services.

In 1915 eleven hundred habitual criminals were fighting.

Famous Cases

There were greater opportunities for employment for those who in ordinary times could not get work. No doubt, too, a spirit of patriotism kept many out of mischief.

A few spectacular crime stories hit the front page in the last war: The detection of "Brides-in-the-Bath" Smith, the arrest of Voisin for the Bloomsbury murder of Madame Gerrard, and the shooting of the self-styled Count de Borch, white slave trafficker, by Lieutenant Douglas Malcolm (the "I did it for my honour" case). But they were well below the average number.

A great fall was recorded in burglary and housebreaking; larcenies fell from 22,459 to 8,915, or 60 per cent.; 51,851 persons were charged with drunkenness in 1913, but in 1918 there were only 1,670, a fall of 97 per cent. Assaults, largely due to drunkenness, also fell from 8,666 to 1,269, or 85 per cent., and offences against police regulations from 8,061 to 889, or 90 per cent.

The daily average male prison population in 1918 was 60 per cent, less than the 1914 figure. This made it possible to close a quarter of the total-prison accommodation.

A death sentence or two for looters in these days might again help to keep our prisons empty and protect the property of those unlucky enough to be bombed.

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THEIR SMUGGLED SPARKLERS

DUTCHMAN WHO GOT AWAY WITH £10,000

(By A London Correspondent)

DIAMONDS ARE BOOMING in London just now, and Hatton Garden, headquarters of the trade, is humming with activity, catering for people anxious to sink their money in this international "currency."

From a famous dealer, I heard some astonishing stories of how diamonds have been smuggled into London from Amsterdam and other centres overrun by the Nazis.

"One noted Dutch expert, who carried on an extensive trade in precious stones at The Hague," he said, "actually underwent a surgical operation in order to hide his diamonds."

"When he arrived in London a few days after the fall of Holland, he subjected himself to another slight operation to have the diamonds removed."

"Antiques" Ruse

Diamonds worth several million pounds were deposited in the vaults of a London safe deposit firm which suffered in recent bombing attacks. The vaults were unharmed.

Part of this rich collection was smuggled into England by an ingenious ruse.

Posing as a collector of antique earthenware a dealer managed to get half a dozen big earthenware jars past the customs, on payment of nominal duty.

The jars were taken to a garage on the outskirts of London, where they were smashed, and mingling with the broken fragments were diamonds worth thousands of pounds that had been cleverly baked into the "antiques."

A South African diamond merchant who was in Brussels when Belgium capitulated, had in his possession a collection of precious stones worth something in the neighbourhood of £15,000.

Apparently some Fifth Column enemy in Brussels had warned the Germans that the dealer was preparing to leave with his diamonds for London, for several fruitless attempts were made by Gestapo agents to find the stones.

Widow's Secret

They arrested the dealer and held him for a week. At the end of that time they had to give him best for no amount of questioning or third degree would make him go back on his story that the diamonds had already gone to England.

He was allowed to go, and reached London with his diamonds intact.

They were carried by a timid-looking elderly woman in widow's weeds, who throughout the rail and steamer passage was an object of general sympathy. She carried in her arms a burial urn, in which, she tearfully said, reposed the ashes of her dead husband.

But when the "widow" joined her diamond dealer companion in London a little later, the urn was rudely broken, and from it poured the glittering treasure which the Nazis had failed to obtain.

Old tricks like concealing diamonds or other gems in hollow walking-sticks, hollow boot-heels and the like are finished with for ever, another expert told me.

"The Customs are too wide-awake for those dodges," he said; "but diamonds are still smuggled in and out."

CIVIL SERVICE AT SCOTLAND YARD

Scotland Yard's £200,000 new building on the Thames Embankment, just completed and intended as the new crime-fighting headquarters for the London C.I.D., has been commandeered to accommodate the Civil Service staff of several Government Departments. The building, which was started in 1937, has 50,000 square feet of office space. Scotland Yard's information room, the telephone exchange and wireless department are already installed there, but the transfer to the new building of the C.I.D. and the specialised departments it controls is now likely to be postponed until after the war.

AMERICAN VISITOR'S ADVENTURE

Shot Down Nazi Raider

A United States observer with the R.A.F., who was trying a Spitfire, shot down a German plane, according to an article which appears in the American magazine Time.

The American, whose name is not disclosed, was visiting a station of the Fighter Command on a quiet day, when he was invited to take a flight over the aerodrome. Escorted by another Spitfire, he went up and was flying peacefully when a group of Messerschmidts appeared.

The British pilot naturally accepted the challenge, but the American, in the interests of neutrality, tactfully tried to retire. He was, however, pursued by one of the Nazi pilots.

"When bullets began to zip past him," the article states, "the American abandoned neutrality, flipped over his plane, got the Nazi in his sights, pressed the gun button, and bagged one Messerschmidt fighter for the armed forces of the United States."

It is emphasised that the United States Government has no official knowledge of this engagement.

ITALIAN SWEARS REVENGE

Emilio Matteotti, "The Man Mussolini Fears," has arrived in London after a dramatic escape from Lipari, Fascist Devil's Island.

He is a brother of Giacomo Matteotti, the Socialist leader whom Mussolini put to death, and whom he has sworn to avenge "with the blood of the Duce."

Emilio was arrested by Mussolini's orders when he denounced the Duce as the murderer of his brother, and publicly took oath to assassinate him.

Safe in Britain Emilio Matteotti is now engaged in organising an international movement for all anti-Fascist Italians with the object of provoking revolution against Mussolini. He told the "Sunday Chronicle."

"I cannot give the details of my escape for fear of incriminating some who assisted me. It followed nearly a year of cautious planning."

"If my escape had been postponed two weeks I could never have got away as all Greek ships would have been the prey of the Italians on the open sea. They would not have given me a dog's chance."

REAL MEAL

On taking up his appointment as Recorder of Kingston, Sir Donald Somervell, the Attorney-General, was presented with three sugar loaves, the only emolument attached to the office of Recorder. One of the loaves was made of pure white sugar and weighed 30lb.

Expressing thanks, Sir Donald said: "I suggested to my wife the possibility that they might give me some ersatz sugar, but I did not think that I should be given such quantities of the genuine article."

FRENCH WORKERS LOOK TO BRITAIN TO FREE THEM

By An Industrial Correspondent
INFORMATION ABOUT the position of French working-class organisations has reached British trade union headquarters from an unimpeachable source in unoccupied territory.

It shows that in both the occupied and unoccupied territories of France trade unions, while they remain practically intact, can carry on no activities apart from the welfare aspect of industry.

At least 75 per cent. of workers are now convinced that only a British victory can save them. Widespread acts of sabotage are occurring.

In the occupied zones the harshest measures are taken against those who refuse to accept forced labour conditions in armament factories, while workers who are considered to be slacking are deprived of rations.

"Phantasy Existence"

Widespread unemployment exists in most parts of the country. There is lack of every kind of raw material, and in some districts trade union leaders, faced with what is described as a "phantasy existence," see 100 people asking for work where only 10 jobs exist.

Since France capitulated, British trade union leaders are informed, the reaction of the people has undergone several distinct phases.

First there was the attitude that France could have done no more, that they had been let down by the British, and that they must save their own lives so that they could reorganise their mode of life.

Then came the realisation that Germany was still France's enemy, that oppression was so unbearable that they began to question whether life was worth saving when every liberty was taken away.

The idea grew that perhaps Great Britain might be able to save them. In spite of German propaganda they realised that the British people were fighting the Nazis with courage and self-sacrifice.

To-day French men and women feel that their deliverance can be achieved by Britain.

Workers in France have maintained contacts with trade unions in Britain, and they are becoming stronger every day.

A YELLOW GLOVE TRAPPED WOMAN MURDERER

WHEN THREE WOMEN were found murdered in a Kent garden Chief Inspector Beveridge did not bother about the scene of the crime. He went to a farm seventy miles away, asked a woman if she had lost a glove — and that woman, Mrs. Florence Iris Ouida Ransom, has now been sentenced to death.

Mrs. Ransom was a slight, frail-looking woman of thirty-five in the Old Bailey dock. But Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C., counsel for the prosecution, said as he closed his case:—

"This is not a murder some one could do in a moment of excitement. It was one of the most cold, deliberate, and, I am bound to say, brutal murders that can be imagined."

All through her trial Mrs. Ransom did not falter. Two wardresses held her up when the jury said "Guilty." She did not need their support.

To Mr. Justice Tucker's question, "Have you anything to say?" she replied in a clear steady voice: "I am innocent."

But when, black-capped, the judge began to recite the formula of death she collapsed into the arms of the wardresses, moaning quietly.

Mrs. Ransom was guilty of murdering forty-five-year-old Mrs. Dorothy Sanders Fisher, found shot with her daughter and house-keeper under the apple trees at her home near Tonbridge on July 9.

Perfect Fit

Chief Inspector Beveridge, taking over the case, learned first that Mrs. Fisher's husband had a farm at Piddington, in Oxfordshire.

Intuition—and long experience—sent him there at once. He carried a yellow pigskin glove—the sort of glove that is bought and lost in thousands every week.

Meeting Mrs. Ransom, he asked her to try on the glove. It fitted perfectly.

Inspector Beveridge asked a number of innocent questions. He returned in time for Sir Bernard Spilsbury's post mortem.

Sir Bernard had just begun his post mortem when he straightened suddenly and said: "These are not revolver wounds. They were made by gunshot."

Beveridge remembered a gun he had seen casually at Piddington.

Back he went, again ignoring the scene of the crime. He learned that Mrs. Ransom, the day before the three women were shot, took a shooting lesson from her brother.

He questioned her. Mrs. Ransom was cool, self-possessed. Only a slight nervousness betrayed her when she insisted: "I have been here all the time. Ask the servants."

So Beveridge asked the servants. He learned that the woman "servant" was actually Mrs. Ransom's mother. He also learned that Mrs. Ransom had not been there all the time.

Queer Tangle

He needed now a motive; and in finding it a queer tangle of human relationships he unravelled.

Mrs. Fisher, the dead woman, had left her husband for another man. But they remained on friendly terms.

Mr. Fisher himself had met Mrs. Ransom and lived with her, her mother and her brother at the farm at Piddington.

Chief Inspector Beveridge learned everything. Only then did he turn to the scene of the crime.

A butcher's boy, a wagon driver, and two others picked out Mrs. Ransom at an identity parade. They had seen her near Mrs. Fisher's house not far from Tonbridge and noticed that she wore blue trousers.

Beveridge knew then that his intuition was right, his job finished.

HOW NAZI TROOPS STUDIED OUR ROADS

Hitler has many motor-bicycle troops who are familiar with British roads.

In the last few years, and especially since Hitler came to power, German motor-bicyclists have taken part in events in practically every country in Europe, and whether by accident or design, many of them were serving soldiers.

Britain was one of the places in which they competed. In 1937 and again in 1938, German soldiers, Stormtroopers, and even S.S. men from Hitler's own bodyguard, took part in the international six days' trial in England and Wales.

There were also many civilian riders.

In both years the German riders had ample opportunity for studying British roads, for they travelled from the port at which they arrived through the Midlands to Wales, and for five days of the trials covered nearly 300 miles a day on all classes of roads, chiefly in Wales.

In both years the event ended with speed trials at Donington Park, in the Midlands.

Germany had 79 riders in the 1937 event. In addition, there were many mechanics.

CATS DON'T PANIC AT BOMBS

Cats don't panic at bombs. They seem to know instinctively when danger is near. They immediately dive under a table and wriggle their way to safety afterwards.

That is the discovery of a Midlands branch of the R.S.P.C.A. The secretary says he has been amazed at the way so many cats wriggle to safety out of demolished houses. Dogs are not so lucky because they are bigger and more easily frightened.

DUCE FEARS ASSASSIN

Mussolini, haunted by the fear of assassination, has ordered the Ovra, Italy's Gestapo, to double his bodyguard.

Special detachments of sharpshooters escort the Duce everywhere and guard him day and night.

Monarchists, soldiers and politicians, who openly criticised Mussolini for entering the war, now condemn the way he is conducting it.

Thousands of these opponents have been arrested, among them princes.

Throughout Italy revolutionary groups are secretly meeting in cellars, palaces, and in working men's homes to overthrow the Fascist regime.

Italian morale is waning. Mothers hate the man whose vanity has caused their soldier sons' deaths.

In a desperate bid to counteract this spirit Mussolini has ordered his Fascist Group Leaders to start a campaign for the uplifting of national morale.

MYSTERY MAN FLIES BY NIGHT

MR. X FIGHTS NIGHT BOMBER

(By A London Correspondent)

A MYSTERIOUS Mr. X is making nightly flights for the Air Ministry to solve the problem of the night bomber menace.

He is the "best brain in Britain" . . . such is the description of Air Ministry chiefs of the man who is experimenting on the answer to the Dornier and the Junker.

On each of his flights he remains in the air as long as possible.

"Only in the air can air menace be countered," he told me.

This man is consultant, on four figures a year in each case, to:

The leading manufacturers of 'plane engines;

Principal makers of carburettors;

A large chemical firm; and

An important concern in the dyeing industry.

He said "There is no reflection on the astonishingly fine work our A.A. defences are putting up, but shell fire from the ground can never be more than a deterrent."

"It isn't the solution of night bombing."

Mr. X. is not an inventor—officially.

Saved Petrol

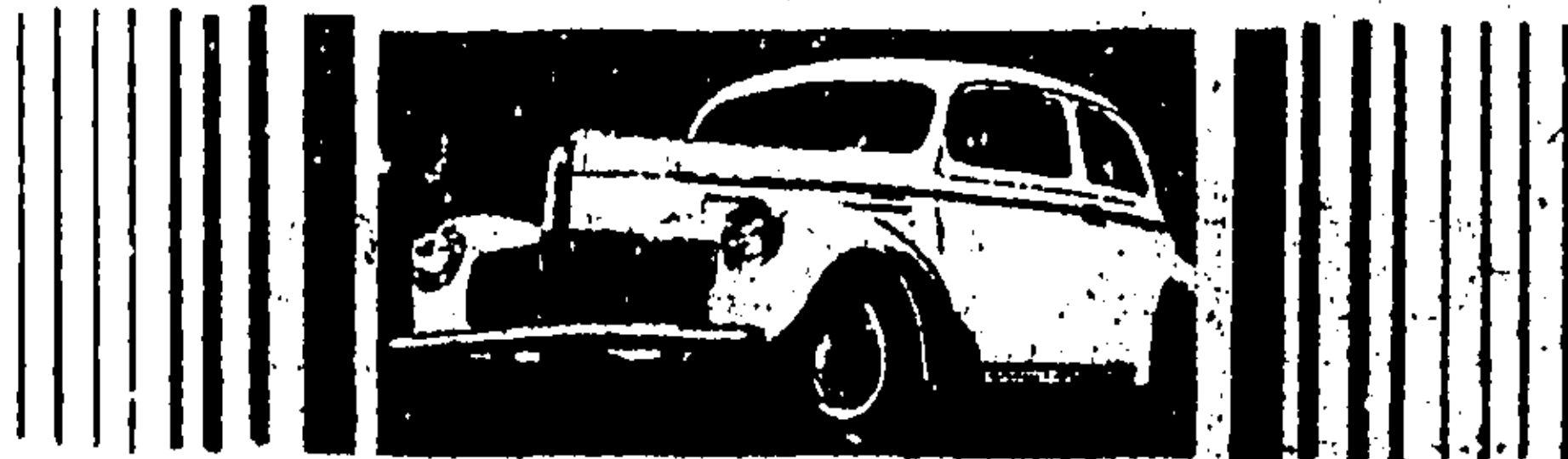
Yet since the war began he has invented a new type of carburetor for 'plane engines which has cut down petrol consumption by 10 to 15 per cent.; a new composition anti-weather coating for wings and ailerons, and helped with a new and much more efficient 'plane gun mounting.

And yet this "best brain" could not get a tin hat to protect it . . . but a friend in the R.A.F. managed to "wangle" him one.

In his spare time Mr. X plays the piano, the ukelele, saxophone, accordion . . . and flute.

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BRIDGE NOTES

AUTOMATIC TECHNIQUE

By The Four Aces

Many good plays are examples of what might be called "automatic technique." They have no specific object and are very similar to what the billiard player calls a "general direction shot." A typical example was East's play on the first trick in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
A Q 9 7
J 9 8 4
K Q J
J 7
6 5 3 2
7 5
A 10 7 4
8 5 4
N
W
E
S
A 6 3
9 6 3
K Q 10
9 3 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the seven of hearts, and East quite soundly played the six instead of winning the trick with his Ace. There was no need to win the first heart trick for West could not have led a singleton heart. (If West's heart were a singleton, South must have started with a five-card suit which he had never bid in possible condition.)

Now South found himself in quite a predicament because of the soon-discovered 4-1 trump break. If he tried to knock out either red Ace before drawing all the trumps, West would surely get a third-round heart ruff, and that would defeat the contract, since South was bound to lose at least one club in addition to the two red Aces.

Yet it would be no better to draw all the trumps, for then both red Aces would have to be knocked out, and that would give the opponents time enough both to establish and run the setting tricks in clubs. Note however, that South could have made his contract without much trouble if East had won the first trick with the heart Ace.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

A Q J 10 7 5
K 5 4 2
Q 9
K Q 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
1♥	2♥	Dbl.	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your diamond strength will surely guard your partner against a bad trump break; and your side strength should be all he needs for the contract. Since you already are well off, there is no reason to bid the spades.

Score 100% for pass; 40% for two spades.

Question No. 628

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

A Q 9 8 3 2
K 6 5 3
Q 10
A 10 6 4

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maier	You
1♥	2♥	Dbl.	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer

Monday.)
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DUKE'S LAWSUIT

A claim for nearly £2,000 brought by the Duke of Westminster against Major Edmund Howard, of Piccadilly, W., will come before Mr. Justice Hallett in the King's Bench Division. The Duke alleges that the sum is due to him under a building agreement of May, 1939.

Major Howard pleads that, because of the war, it had become impossible for him to carry out the agreement and erect a proposed new building.



A beginner is convinced no game is more upsetting than skiing.

FAMILY DOWN ON THE FARM

Down on Britain's "family farm" a father and his 15-year-old son have just cut and threshed 425 acres of barley.

The farm — Old Maze Hall, Beaumont (Essex) — runs to 390 acres. It is worked by Mr. Robert Davidson, his wife, their son Andrew, and their two daughters, the elder of whom is 21 and the younger 13.

Their barley yield has averaged 12 sacks to the acre, and the members of the local war agricultural committee are delighted.

Before the Davidsons took over Maze Hall six years ago, the farm kept busy 12 men and 12 horses. To-day there is a single horse on the farm.

"Last winter I ploughed the whole farm single-handed," Mr. Davidson said. "This year Andrew is helping me."

Sixteen acres of sugar-beet have just been harvested. Hard work is sugar-beet pulling. Hard on the back. Mr. Davidson and Andrew have done that, too, between them. Then there are acres of turnips.

Mrs. Davidson and the two girls are kept busy. The daughter of 13 has been driving a tractor since she was 10.

SEAWEED STOCKINGS

Seaweed is being used experimentally as a new raw material for rayon.

Both wood pulp and cotton, used extensively at present, are difficult to obtain in wartime. Seaweed may replace them.

When it was generally used for the manufacture of iodine, 400,000 tons were gathered in the Hebrides every year.

By previously tried processes a rayon could be produced from seaweed, but it dissolved in soap and soda.

Dr. J. B. Speakman, of Leeds University, has now discovered a method of producing a rayon which is not only insoluble in soap and soda but is soft to the touch, lustrous, and fire resisting.

Already the fabric has been dyed successfully in more than forty shades.

And soon women may be able to buy seaweed curtains, lingerie, and stockings.

PILOT SHOT DOWN THREE RAIDERS

A former Manchester bank clerk, now a Hurricane pilot officer who won the D.F.C. last month, shot down three German raiders into the Thames Estuary. Fifteen Junkers 87 dive-bombers were seen by a Hurricane squadron flying for France only 140ft above water, says an Air Ministry bulletin. Above them were formations of protecting Messerschmitts 109. The Hurricane pilots, splitting up, destroyed one of the Junkers and four Messerschmitts.

The D.F.C. pilot accounted for the Junkers and two Messerschmitts. Two sergeant pilots, one a Pole, accounted for two more Messerschmitts.

HUT REPLACES OLD CHURCH

An enterprising local man has provided congregationalists in the small Essex villages of Canewdon and Paglesham with a makeshift church, to take the place of their own that was recently demolished.

Mr. H. W. Carpenter, a member of the congregation, found a small hut on the old church site, moved it to his own land, and soon provided a temporary church. It seats 24, and has electric light.

The old church had been in use for over a century.

FURS WORTH £1,356 STOLEN

John Philip Ivan Tilley (33), of Herbert Road, Manor Park, was alleged, at Liverpool, to have broken into a shop and stolen furs worth £1,356.

Mr. E. H. Sidgreaves, prosecuting, said the stolen articles included nine mink coats, two cloaks, and 18 fox fur ties. The thief carried the goods away in two suitcases.

Tilley was arrested in London, and he made a statement in which, it was alleged, he admitted the offences.

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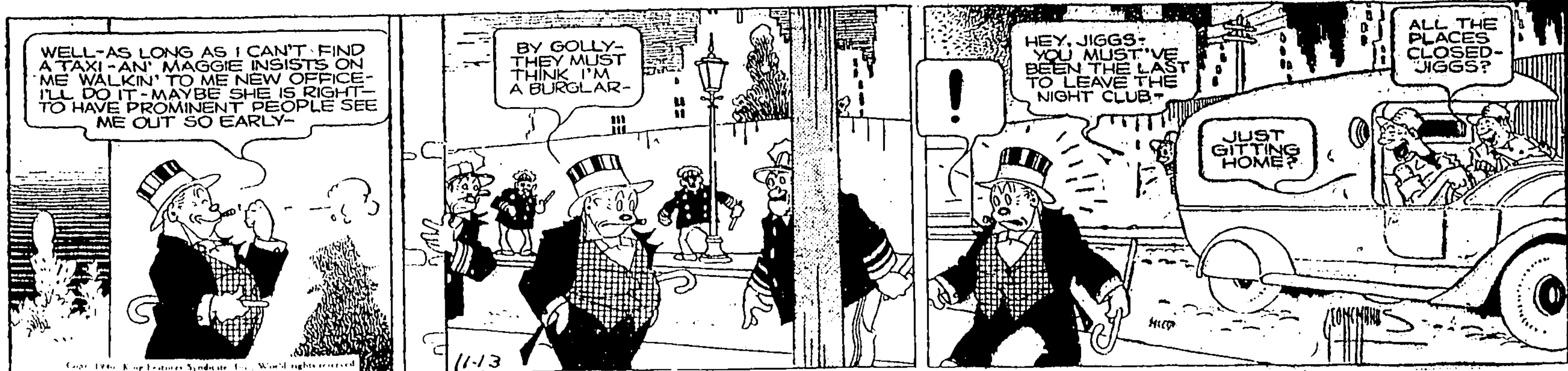
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN THROAT EXERCISE

The square inch of skin directly under your chin betrays a woman's age more than anything else, according to Madame Helena Rubinstein, the famed cosmetician. To keep the throat looking young one should begin external care after twenty-five years of age, but most women neglect throat treatment until they reach forty.

Your throat needs specific exercising just as do your hips or midriff. Exercise to keep the tiny muscles elastic so they will not sag and rob your profile of beauty. The skin requires a massage and in most instances, a rich lubricant two or three times a week when you give your face special treatments.

A Salon Correction

A scientific throat and neck treatment which is given in a famous New York salon begins with smoothing on a rich lubricant from the chin downward to the base of the neck. The massage consists of firm, sweeping, downward strokes which follow the muscle structure of the throat (which is contrary to the older method of massaging upward). The massage is followed by a brisk slapping under the chin with the back of a hand of, if you prefer, a flexible patter.

While the cream is lubricating the skin one performs the following exercise: Sit with hands clasped behind the back, shoulders straight. Bend the head as far forward as possible, arching the neck. Then slowly tilt the head backward until your chin is high in the air and the throat stretched. Holding this stretched position, turn the head slowly to the right, then forward, then slowly to the left. Complete the exercise by dropping the chin limply onto the chest. Repeat the movement five or six times.

For Stimulation

After the exercising period, all excess cream is removed with tissue and a most refreshing stimu-



The square inch directly under your chin requires scientific treatment with a rich cream.

lant is spread on the throat, under the chin and on the cheeks up to the eyes. With the backs of the hands this lotion is vigorously patted into the skin—from the chin line up the cheeks. As the cheeks are patted you should puff them out. The neck is patted more gently. This combined treatment is meant to correct sag-

Other Exercise Good

It is good to remember also that any exercise you give your body will help to keep your throatline young looking. All body muscles work in co-ordination so all should be kept elastic through specific exercise movements. Walking is not sufficient, neither is rolling to reduce hip measurement. You should exercise your back, neck and shoulder muscles, your entire spine and even finger muscles. In fact, daily exercise, taken in a well ventilated room with a mind free of worry for the time, is truly the key to perennial youth. But if you have been indifferent to such a health routine and now find yourself showing signs of middle age you must embrace exercise gradually. Too strenuous exercise could harm you. If possible go to a gym class or take individual lessons from one who understands the importance of correct exercise.

And to conclude, I am giving two suggestions for sweets without using eggs.

(1) PEAR SOUFFLE

Cover sliced or chopped pears with water add a few raisins or sultanas, a little cinnamon and cook gently until done.

Place chunks or slices of stale bread in an earthenware dish. Pour the pear juice over them and soak a while.

Garnish with a ring of pears, sprinkle slightly with breadcrumbs and cinnamon and grill under low flame for fifteen minutes.

(2) DOCONO

Heat one pint of milk with a little salt. Add carefully 2oz. of semolina, cook gently for 5-6 minutes.

Add 1-2 peeled and thinly sliced bananas and a little cinnamon. Stir well and leave to cool.

That Tastes Good!

NEW WAYS WITH RICE

(1) Bring one quart water to the boil with a small, finely chopped onion, either chopped celery leaves or one teaspoon celery seeds and one tablespoon any kind of piquant sauce.

Add either dripping or a little chopped bacon.

Scoop as many tomatoes as you like and add the pulp to the water. Add salt and pepper.

When it boils add ½ lb. rice, cook fast for five minutes, stirring it, cover with lid and remove from flame.

Do not open lid and leave for about an hour.

After this time fill the scooped tomatoes with the rice.

Place into greased fireproof dish; if you have enough rice left over surround the tomatoes with it.

Brush or spot with margarine and either bake or grill slowly for twenty minutes.

(2) Soak 4oz split lentils overnight. Bring three pints of water to the boil with one teaspoon ground ginger, two cloves, salt and pepper and a little fat.

When it boils add ½ lb. rice and the soaked lentils, without the water they soaked in.

Cook fast for 5-8 minutes, stirring it.

Cover with lid, remove from flame and leave untouched for an hour.

Serve with thin slices of luncheon sausage turned in flour and fried or grilled.

(3) Cover the bottom of a saucepan with salt water (½ in. high); when it boils, steam in it the outer and big leaves of a cabbage for three minutes.

Spread on wooden board to cool.

Chop the cabbage heart and steam in the same water for three minutes. Drain the chopped cabbage, reserving the stock.

Mix the chopped cabbage with cooked rice, season with salt and pepper. Roll this mixture into the big, whole leaves, shaping small parcels.

Thicken the reserved stock with flour, add gravy powder.

Place the cabbage rolls in this gravy, simmer very gently for 10-15 minutes. Move them once in a while to prevent burning.

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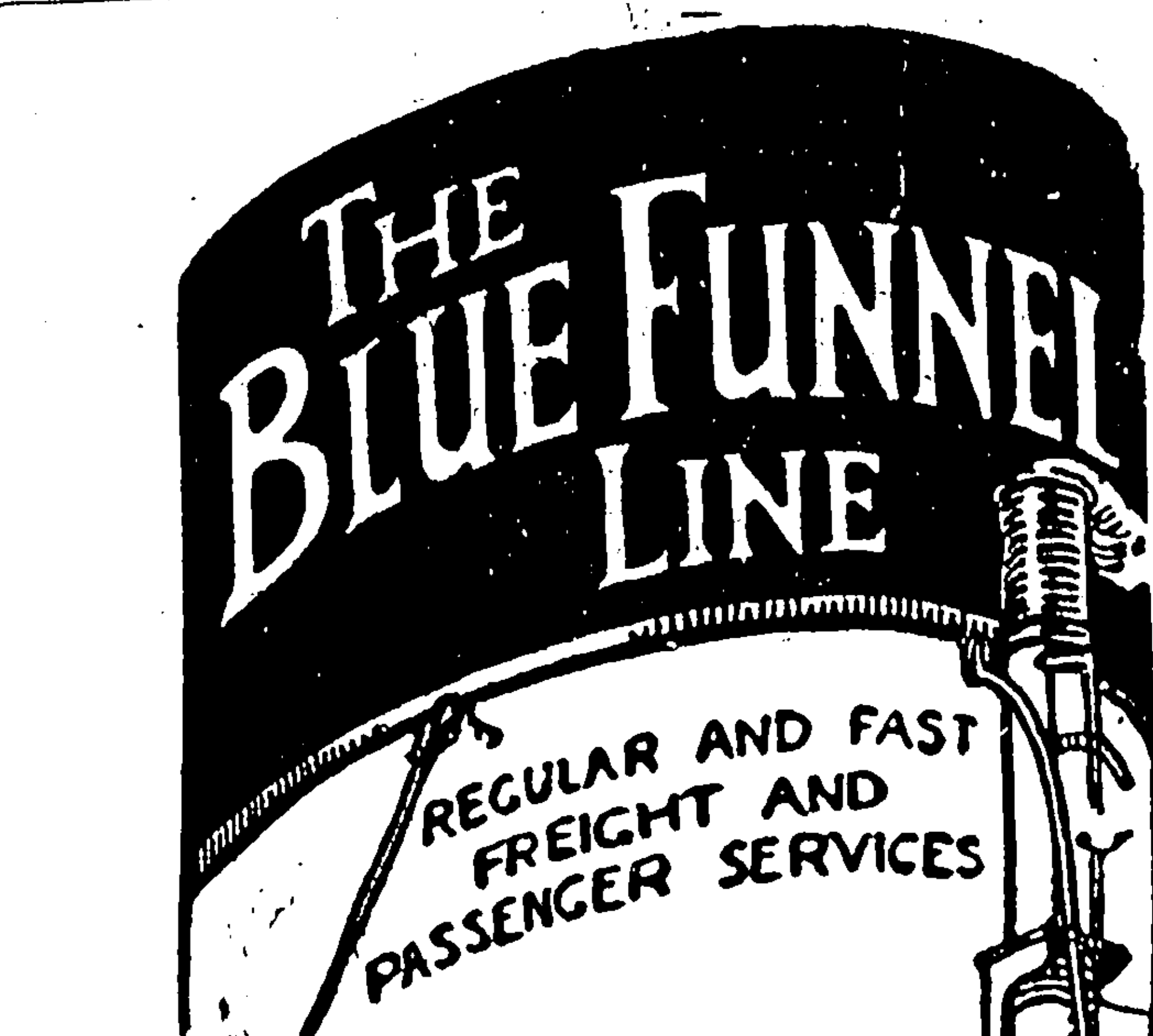
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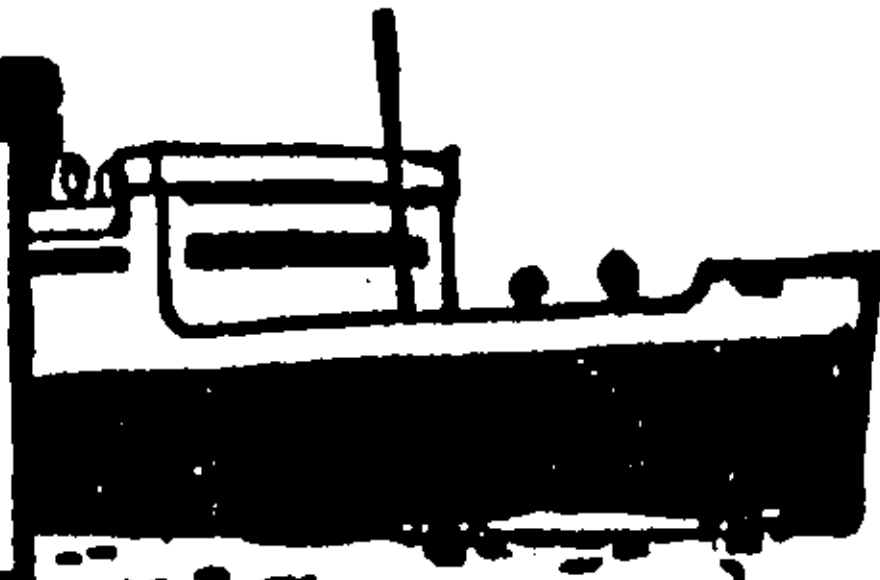
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Latest Variety.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Vivian Ellis at the Piano.
1.12 p.m.—Film Selections.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—A Rossini Programme.
Overture "L'Italiana in Algeri".... Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.
La Danza....Jan Klepura (Tenor) with Orchestra.
La Cenerentola—Overture Milan Symphony Orchestra.
Room For The Faciotum ("Barber of Seville")....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
William Tell—Andante (Pastorale).... Massed Orchestra of Cellos.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.30 p.m.—A Light French Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—London Relay—"Music Hall".
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.30 p.m.—Local sports results.
9.35 p.m.—Tchaikovsky — Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64.
10.25 p.m.—A Concert by Gigli (Tenor), Casale ("Cello") and Glassing (Piano).
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "In My Opinion".
11.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
12.00 midnight—Close down.

THE CHINA MAIL, FEBRUARY 1, 1941.

TROOPS' CANTEEN CRUSH---1ST CLASS ROOM "BARRED"

SOCIAL WELFARE WORKERS are in revolt over the treatment of troops at Carlisle railway station. An approach to Parliament is threatened.

They have to serve hundreds of meals to Servicemen — the takings are often £250 a week, mainly in coppers — in a canteen so small that they complain of "semi-suffocation" owing to the crowding.

Yet, they state, the L.M.S. refuses the use of further accommodation only a few yards away. This consists of a first-class refreshment room which is only open by day and not at all on Sundays, and a disused dining-room.

In a letter to the Mayor of Carlisle, Alderman Matthew Thompson, Lord Stamp, L.M.S. chief, offered accommodation at a parcels office which, it is said, would require complete reconstruction.

"My patience is exhausted," the Mayor told a reporter.

"I am now suggesting that the War Office use their commandeering powers.

M.P. To Act

"Here we have hundreds of workers, but totally inadequate and uncomfortable accommodation. The railway company is the obstacle.

"The dining-room we are asking for is used for stores. Sur-render would enable us to provide shelter for tired troops waiting for connections.

"Mr. Joseph Henderson, M.P., whose home town is Carlisle, is taking up the question with the Ministry of Transport, and if he cannot get satisfaction will raise the matter in Parliament."

The Mayor said there was neither time nor means to reconstruct the parcels office offered by Lord Stamp.

THREE BROTHERS RUN A "MAN O' WAR"

Among the ships which constantly patrol the North Sea is a trawler manned by three brothers—Samuel Harper, thirty-eight, skipper; Jack Harper, thirty-seven, mate; and Fred Harper, twenty-five, deck-hand.

Harpers' Man o' War, local fishermen call the trawler.

Christopher Harper, aged seventy-eight, was cook aboard the trawler until recently. They are all Grimsby men.

"Father got tired of the work," Fred told a reporter. "He said it was not exciting enough.

"I cannot understand that, for several times we have been attacked by Nazi planes, and only a few days ago bombers fell a few yards from the ship and almost blew us out of the water.

"I think father expected to sink a German submarine every day."

CHILDREN RUN MODEL FARM

London child evacuees are helping in food production by assisting in the running of a farm.

They are children who have been evacuated to Selsey, and, together with children already at the Senior Mixed School there, they are running what is believed to be the most comprehensive farm ever run by school children.

The school headmaster, Mr. N. R. Hammond, anticipates that it will be self-supporting by the spring.

The children have made all their own farm buildings, including breeding chambers and a laying-house for poultry, and have constructed a duck pond.

They do all the work of looking after the animals themselves, and superintend the breeding side.

1,000 Duck Eggs

Among the animals on their farm are poultry, ducks, geese, rabbits, and goats, while they are now busy making beehives with a view to starting an apiary soon.

Already the children have collected well over 1,000 ducks' eggs, and have been able to sell numbers of their geese and cockerels.

The local W.V.S. and food traders help by bringing round scraps for feeding purposes.

Began With £15

The farm started with a litter of young rabbits, 30 pure bred Light Sussex birds, and 20-day old ducklings from Norfolk, said Mr. Hammond. He started them off with £15, and from that they have built up their farm to its present scale.

"The children work to a definite system," he explained, "They do their farm work in shifts of between a week and a fortnight each."

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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Colonel H.B. Rose, M.C. Commandant Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

HONG KONG.

Friday, 31st January, 1941.

1. Recruits Medical Examination. Fri. 7th February. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Orderly Medical Officer—Lieut. G. T. Balcarran.

2. N.C.O.'s Cadre Course. Mon. 3rd—Fri. 7th Feb. (inclusive). H.Q. Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed by Units in accordance with H.K.V.D.C. No. 1/62/41 of the 9.1.41.

3. Parades.

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. Dress For Camp

Jacket, trousers, S.D. cap, boots. Full web equipment, haversack, water bottle (filled), steel helmet, gas mask and rifle. Greatcoat to be carried. Personnel of 1st and 3rd Batteries firing from Bluff Head, knife, fork, spoon, plate and mug in addition.

Kit bags to be piled at H.Q. by 9 a.m. for 1st Bty., by 3 p.m. for 4th Bty. and by 1.30 p.m. for 5th A.A. Bty. These must be clearly marked and should include spare jacket, trousers, shorts, khaki shirts, puttees, overalls, cardigan and gun platform shoes. Cleaning material, shaving and washing gear to be brought.

ii. Headquarters Office

This will be open daily during camp at the following hours: 8.15—8.45 a.m., 12.30—1.00 p.m., 5.15—6.15 p.m.

iii. Telephone

The following telephone numbers in use during the 5th and 6th camps are published for general information:—

1st Battery. 34121—Ext. 282.

2nd Battery. 34121—Ask for Tytarm Command Exchange and then H.K.V.D.C. Bty. Bluff Head or Stanley—25.

3rd Battery. 34121—Ask for Mt. Davis Exchange and then Fort Aberdeen.

4th Battery. 34121—Ext. 163.

5th A.A. Battery. 34121—Ext. 373.

iv. 1st Battery

Thurs. 6th Feb. St. John's Place. 2.45 p.m. For week's camp at D'Aguilar. Dress as above.

v. 2nd Battery

Tues. 4th Feb. Belchers. 4 p.m. Left Section. Dress—Overalls and S.D. cap to be carried.

Thurs. 6th Feb. Belchers. 4 p.m. Right Section. Dress—Dress as for Tues. 4th.

Thurs. 6th Feb. D.E.L. School. 9 a.m. D.E.L. Section. Dress—as for Tues. 4th.

vi. 3rd Battery

Mon. 3rd Feb. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. A Detachment. Dress—S.D. cap, overalls, gun platform shoes.

Tues. 4th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All deficient in kit. Dress—Muti Sections for Aberdeen. Dress as usual.

Fri. 7th Feb. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. B Detachment. Dress as for Mon. 3rd.

vii. 4th Battery

Tues. 4th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. B.C.A. and others as detailed. Miniature Range. Dress—Muti.

Thurs. 6th Feb. H.Q. 3.15 p.m. Battery parade for camp. Dress—K.D. jacket, trousers, S.D. cap and full equipment. Greatcoat to be carried.

viii. 5th A.A. Battery

Thurs. 6th Feb. H.Q. 9.30 a.m. Those detailed. Advance Party for Camp stores. Dress—as shown in para. i above.

Thurs. 6th Feb. H.Q. 1.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections. Parade prior to proceeding to camp at Saiwan. Dress as shown in para. i above.

DUTIES Sgt. J. T. Dupuy will carry out the duties of B.S.M. w.e.f. 1.2.41.

(b) FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Sun. 2nd Feb. B Runge, Kowloon City. 9 a.m. Tables A and B. Dress—Muti, except for Range Officers, who will wear uniform. Attendance is compulsory unless leave has been previously obtained. Leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Mon. 3rd Feb. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Training under Section arrangements. Dress—Muti.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 3rd Feb. H.Q. 6.20 p.m. (i) Group B. Lamp signalling. (ii) Group C. Instruments, lamp and Tele D.H. instrument check. (iii) Classified men. Field signalling exercise. (iv) Unclassified men. Signal training as detailed. (v) Evening parade. Signal training.

Fri. 7th Feb. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) No. 1 Detach. Area lines test. (ii) N.C.O.'s. Mainland Recce. (iii) Classified men. Field signalling. (iv) Unclassified men. Signal as per programme. (v) Evening parade. Signal training.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Sun. 2nd Feb. Stonecutters. Part 2 M.G. Course. Those detailed. Queen's Pier. 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier. 8.45 a.m. Dress—Overalls, R.T.R. cap.

Equipment. Battle Order. Range Officer—2/Lt. W. Stoker.

Mon. 3rd Feb. (i) H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.S.O.'s Class. (ii) Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. All Platoons. Driving instruction and Crew drill.

Wed. 5th Feb. Hung Hom. 8 a.m. All Platoons. Exercise in New Territories. Dress—Shorts, sweaters and R.T.R. cap. No steel helmet will be carried. Equipment—Battle order.

Thurs. 6th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class.

Fri. 7th Feb. (i) Class 1. Miniature Range. Parade H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (ii) Class II and III. Upper Parade Ground. Parade H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (iii) Class IV and V. Upper Parade Ground. Parade H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (iv) Dress—Overalls, R.T.R. cap. Equipment—Belt and bayonet frog.

Fri. 7th Feb. Bayonet frogs must be returned to C.Q.M.S. on this date.

No. 1 Company

Mon. 3rd Feb. H.Q. 8 a.m. All day training.

Tues. 4th Feb. and Fri. 7th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as per Company programme.

No. 2 Company

Wed. 5th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L.G. and M.G. training.

Fri. 7th Feb. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Dress as for previous Friday, less waterbottle and haversack.

No. 3 Company

Mon. 3rd Feb. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as usual. No. 12 Platoon will draw respirators.

Tues. 4th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Training Cadre.

Thurs. 6th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

No. 4 Company

Sun. 2nd Feb. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Classes 7, 8, 9 and 10 for Peak Range. Dress—Muti. Rifle slings will be carried.

Mon. 3rd Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Course as detailed. Remainder, company training as programme.

Wed. 5th Feb. H.Q. 8.15 a.m. All day training. Dress—as before.

Fri. 7th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Course as detailed. Remainder, Company training as programme.

No. 5 Company

Mon. 3rd Feb. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as before.

Tues. 4th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Sections. Stripping and assembling component parts. Remainder. Stripping component parts.

No. 6 Company

Tues. 4th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed.

Fri. 7th Feb. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as before.

Sun. 9th Feb. Kowloon City Range. 9 a.m. Rifle and L.G. Classifications. All those who have not previously fired. No exemptions. Dress—S.D. cap, cardigans, trousers, boots, shirt, and webbing equipment. Range Officer—As detailed by O.C.

Fri. 14th Feb. Company will proceed to Camp. Details later.

No. 7 Company

Mon. 3rd Feb. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Platoon and Squad drill.

Tues. 4th Feb. and Thurs. 6th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. N.C.O.'s. course.

Fri. 7th Feb. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Half day training (at H.Q.).

Army Service Corps Company

Sun. 2nd Feb.—Sat. 8th Feb. (inclusive). Transport and Supplies Sections on duty as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress—K.D. jacket, trousers, S.D. cap, belt, black boots.

Duty Officer—Capt. C. Blaker.

Thurs. 6th Feb. Hung Hom Railway Workshops. 5.30 p.m. Transport Section. Mechanical instruction. Bus will leave Kowloon Ferry 5.20 p.m. Dress—Muti.

Thurs. 6th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Squad drill. Those detailed. Dress—overalls, S.D. cap, shoes.

L.G. Instruction Class. Those detailed. Every Tuesday, commencing 4th February. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—as arranged.

Next all day Sunday Exercise postponed from 9th Feb. to 16th Feb.—Details later.

(m) Field Ambulance

Wed. 5th Feb. H.Q. 2 p.m.—10 p.m. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, belt, water bottle (filled), cardigan, greatcoat, haversack and steel helmet (slung on left shoulder).

(n) Pay Section

Fri. 7th Feb. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Overalls and rifles will be drawn. Duty Officer—Lt. A. A. Dand.

(o) Fortress Signal Company

Tues. 4th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Revision. As detailed.

Thurs. 6th Feb. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Revision. As detailed.

4. Corps Orders Amendment

Corps Orders No. 33-40 dated 23.5.40 para. 2—Strength Decrease.

Delete "3528" Gnr. A.R. Kinross, 5th A.A. Bty. 7.5.40.

5. Transfers

Pte. H. D. Bruce to 2nd Bty. Pte. A. W. L. Ramsey to A.S.C. Coy.

6. Appointments & Promotions

Cpl. G. J. Schiller to be Sgt. L/Cpl. G. Karpusheff to be Cpl. L/Cpl. G. F. D'Aquino to be Cpl. Pte. B. L. Kaploon to be L/Cpl. Pte. J. Dodd to be L/Cpl. Pte. A. J. Redenham to be L/Cpl.

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Cpl. K. Mitchell to be Sgt.

7. Leave

Pte. W. V. Ahern, 24.1.41—13.2.41.

Gnr. J. C. Chalmers, 24.1.41—23.4.41.

Capt. F. J. W. Focken, 25.1.41—28.2.41.

L/Cpl. L. G. D'Almada Remedios, 29.1.41—28.2.41.

L/Cpl. Lee Kui Chee, 29.1.41—28.2.41.

Gnr. C. K. Tsang, 29.1.41—28.2.41.

Pte. C. J. G. McCormick, 31.1.41—14.2.41.

B.S.M. W. J. McConnell, 1.2.41—23.5.41.

Pte. D. C. Loncraine, 13.2.41—12.3.41.

Pte. W. Wright, 9.2.41—8.4.41.

2/Lt. F. Brett, 1.4.41—21.7.41.

C.S.M. S. D. Begg, 6.2.41—13.2.41.

L/Cpl. D. Hung, 15.2.41—31.3.41.

S/Sgt. F. G. Maunder, 22.1.41—21.1.42.

8. Strength—Decrease

Spr. E. C. M. Hope — 26.1.41.

9. Strength—Increase

Pte. J. B. P. Byrne—24.1.41.

Pte. R. C. Fitzgerald—24.1.41.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE:

Rifle Club

A spoon shoot for S.R. (a) competitors will be held on Sunday Feb. 2nd, in conjunction with the H.K. Rifle Assn. shoot, commencing at 8.45 a.m.

One spoon will be awarded to the highest net score and Handicaps spoons, depending on the number of entries, will be given to the best handicap scores (H.K. R.A. handicaps to be used). Entrance fee 20 cents, in addition to the fee of the H.K.R.A. Card which must be taken out.

Competitors are reminded that Membership Cards must be produced on the range before ammunition can be issued.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

1. MON. 3.2.41.

Advanced lecture, Military Hospital, 5.30 p.m. Office Workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier. 5.20 p.m.

2. WED. 5.2.41.

Home Nursing Lecture, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m. Practical Class for above 4.30 p.m.

3. THURS. 6.2.41.

Advanced Lecture, Military Hospital, 3 p.m. Non-Office Workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier. 2.45 p.m. via H.Q.

4. FRI. 7.2.41.

Practical Class in First Aid at P.W.D. Offices, commencing 3 p.m.

5. ATTACHMENT FOR TRAINING—MILITARY HOSPITAL.

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PRAM AS CANTEN IN BLITZ

Every night, dodging bombs and shell splinters, Mrs. Mabel Letheridge, of Oakley Street, Chelsea, London, and her seventeen-year-old daughter Susan, have been the self-appointed waitresses to hundreds of Underground shelterers.

Mrs. Letheridge is a heroine of this war and a heroine of the last, when she lost a leg in a shell factory which was blown up, and won the O.B.E.

She sets off from her home in the evening with huge jugs of boiling tea and chocolate—free to the people from working-class flats in the district.

Until recently her unofficial canteen consisted of the jugs and the satchel of cups flung over her shoulder.

Now the people she helps have clubbed together and bought her a second-hand pram.

Susan and she go out pushing the pram laden with the goods.

Her Wish

They walk in single file, "So that if anything happens one of us has a chance of going for help."

The scheme began when Mabel, hearing of the people's weary, comfortless nights in the shelters, called a committee meeting.

She went to the blocks of flats and using a sixpenny lampshade as a megaphone, called up to the people at their windows. "Come down here. We have all got something to discuss."

Then she explained her proposition: "It is all free, but we must share together."

"Bring what little of your ration you can spare to me, and any old clothes for your homeless neighbours."

"The people cannot afford to buy food from official canteens," Mabel told a reporter, "but all day now they bring contributions to my door, sometimes as little as a spoonful of tea—but it all helps."

"I wish I could get a small old car to take me around," she said, "My legs get swollen with all the extra walking."

"Heroine? Not me," she said. "Susan's the heroine. I am a war veteran, but young Sue's the plucky one. Bombs are something new to her, but she's a chip off the old block."

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C.B.C. RECREIO GAME SHOULD BE CLOSE

By "Grandstand"

STRAIGHT FROM a hard-earned victory over the Recreio Aces, the Indians will find themselves in a spot again when they cross bats with the Hong Kong Baseballers in the night-cap of the Senior League three-game schedule.

With only a few weeks from the completion of the schedule, the scramble to finish first at the wire is gradually slimming down in the home stretch.

A victory for the Mohawks would consolidate their position, whilst a loss for the Indians would mean the difference between a winner and an also-ran.

JUNIOR SOFTBALL

CHUNG HWA MUST WIN

By "Grandstand"

With the defeat of Chung Hwa at the hands of the V.R.C. last week, interest has taken on a new slant in the junior loop — another defeat would be too bad for either team as they come into the finish, neck to neck.

As Chung Hwa key-stone guardian Al Lau would put it, "it's too cleared interesting to be comfortable."

The drawing-card for to-morrow will be the South China-Chung Hwa curtain-raiser slated for 9 a.m. at the Chatham Road Military Football Ground. With their backs against the wall, this is one game the Choymen will have to win—or else.

Regular chucker Jay Liu will start on the mound with "Ming" Fung catching. Liu flips a good ball with a change of pace, and should be able to hold the Nam Hwamen. The other fielders will be "Grandpop" Leung at the initial station, keystone combination Al Lau and Bill Chang, with P. F. Choy guarding the hot-corner. Outfielders will be Richard Chung, Loney Loong and P. K. Lau.

Out To Cause Upset

With the odds against them, the South China nine will be out to create an upset. Bill Quon and Cecil "Sparks" Winglee will be the battery for South China, with Bill "Big Boy" Yum, Tommy Young, Harry "Gabby" Chinn and Charlie Ng guarding the base-paths. Garzaens will be David "Dopey" Lo, "Smalley" Pang and Young Kwan.

Sparked by their double victory last week, the Victorians should have no difficulty in taking the verdict when they clash with the Cosmos at 10.15 a.m.

The tank stars will be represented by Sonny "Jock" Brown on the slab with Alec Azedo at the receiving end—Azedo now finds the wise ones wear a mask. Manuel Roza will keep first base, with second sacker Bimby (the Blimp) Ablong, and third sacker A. V. Ozorio, with Roy Maxwell plugging up the windy gap. Ball-hawks will be Ernie Ribeiro, Cecil Quinn and Lionel "Jackson" Roza-Pereira.

Other Games

At 11.30 a.m. the cellar champs, the Royal Engineers, take on the Liga Portuguesa, with Plug Gillespie, Alec Azedo and Bubbles Remedios officiating.

In the night-cap, at 12.45 p.m. the third-place Kai Tak Armenians tangle with the Stanley Gunners.

Although the odds are in favour of the Waggoner outfit taking this tussle, Indian mentor Ahwoo Omar is pinning his faith on the chance that anything can happen in a ball game, and that the Mohawks are after all but a team.

"Screwball" Jones will toe the rubber for the Mohawks with Joe "Dead-end" Morris behind the batter. Ernie Hearther, Johnnie Davis, Pete Fitch and Lou Leight will cavort around the sacks, with Sperry, Schaberg and Crews completing the line-up.

Indians' Line-Up

For the Indians, Kassa Nazarin will be feeding them to the Mohawk hickory artists, with "Tarzan" Ismail catching. Infielders will be "Romeo" Hamet, at first; batting-title holder Baby Abbas will be guarding the second sack with Huckjai Kitchell on the other side of the base. Obear Acculli will be at the far turn.

Close Game Envisaged

At 1.30 p.m. the Chinese Baseballers cross bats with the Recreio Aces in what should be a close game. After raising their supporters' rope by sensationally toppling the Mohawks, the Liemen seem to have fallen back into the rut. On paper, the team is one that will take some beating, yet something is missing.

For this game Denham Cray will probably draw the pitching assignment with Nip Lum working behind the batter.

Baseball veteran Tommy Chan, Muddy Ruel, Wally Ching and George White will be the base-guardians, with Howard "perfect-felding" Lee, Willie Wilson and John Fisher chasing them in the garden.

The Ramblings Recs will start their first-string battery of Gerry Gosano and Charlie Figueiredo. With the exception of the mid-way position, which is not quite fixed, the infield will be taken care of by Nick Beltrao, Tone "Peewee" Alves, and Bertie Gosano.

Canucks Should Win

This corner gives the nod to the Canadian Chinese when they tangle with the Filipinos at 2.45 p.m. despite the fact that the Islanders walked away with the verdict in their first encounter.

The Maple Leafs gave a convincing defensive show against the strong St. Joseph's last week, limiting the Collegian power-hitters to only five safeties.

Canuck hurler Horble Quon seems to have struck form again with his shoots, which is one big load of trouble off hindsnatcher Johnnie Delgado's mind. Ross Mark, Young Lee, Bill Woo and Luke Bunn will make up the rest of the infield. Filipino battery will be Lefty Tatong Amper and Bob Laurel.

Although Amper one time all-star hurler has lost most of his sting in his pitches, he can still nick the corners.

SOFTBALL GOOD SAMARITAN

By "Grandstand"

News has just been received of an offer of prizes in the form of a glove, for the best fielder, and a couple of bats for the willow wielder with the highest batting average, in both the Ladies' and Senior Leagues. But, that's not all folks. Sterling silver medallions, probably suitably inscribed, are also being offered to the players of the winning team in both Leagues.

All this time you are probably wondering where the catch is. Well, fellas, there ain't none. It's just one regular guy giving this young sport of ours a break. I give you Johnnie "Purity-Water" Pearce. Let's give him a big hand.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

BIG TEST FOR UNBEATEN CANADIAN CHINESE

By "Grandstand"

TOP-LINING THE ladies' triple softball bill at the Kowloon Football Club Ground to-morrow, the Wildcats clash with the undefeated Canadian Chinese in the curtain-raiser at 9 a.m. in the long-awaited battle of the season.

The first game between these teams having been postponed, fans will see them pitted against each other for the first time, and, although the dopesters give a slight edge to the Wildcats, this can be anybody's game. Both teams have been holding full practices during the week, and whilst the Untamed Felines depend on their parade of sluggers, Coach Bill Woo's trump card is Canuckette hurler Mary Ng, whom he has been putting through her paces recently. Judging from her form, when she took mound duties against the Kowloon Footballers last week, she still has her stuff.

Dot Louie will be the other half of the battery and the probable infield line-up will be Rene Yuen, first base; Ulian Khoo, second; Mabel Bunn, third, and Alice Mar, short-stop.

Thelma Collaco's Record

The Wildcats heavy stick-work coupled with good pitching, constitutes the most serious threat to the Canuckettes supremacy, and they have in chucker Thelma Collaco, the only twirler to piten a no-hitter this season, and it remains on her to stand the pressure.

Their distance hitters, and I mean distance, are Irene "Sluggo" Pereira, Gloria "Fleetfoot" Mar, and Lily "Sunshine" Mar, the last named taking upon herself the job of super-sparkplug for the team.

Arbitrators for this important game will be Doc Molthen, behind the plate, with Nick Beltrao calling them at first and second, and Caco Marques watching third.

Immediately after this game, the Cardinals tangle with the Chung Hwa lasses in another probable track affair. Chung Hwa, starting without the services of their flashy short-stop, will find it hard to stop the Redbirds.

Umpires will be Nip Lum, Herbie Quon and Johnnie Delgado.

Pantherettes Favoured

At noon, the Baby Panthers go into action against the Recreio Ramblerettes. Coach Gussie Noronha is still finding difficulty in getting a full turnout for practices, but should be able to pilot the Pantherettes to victory. Lella "Lala" Xavier will start on the hill for the Panthers with Theresita Botelho hind-snatching. Celso Marques, Thelma "Peanut" Marques, and Alex Mendonca will hold the sacks with Regina Xavier in the short-stop position. Ramblerette battery will be Gerry Jorge and Melvie Campos.



TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Following will represent Army against Police in the last Quadrangular Rugby Tournament fixture of the season, on the Police ground to-day at 4.15 p.m.:

Picket: Richards, Hook, Douglas and Macdonald; Coombes and Wedderburn; Sutherland, Ford, Lompas; Heath, Millar; Pinkerton, Duke and Gillan.

Reserves:—Foley, Berry, Eddison, Barclay and Marsh.

At 3 p.m. Club will meet Navy, and will be represented by the following team:

Redman; Bosanquet, Carruthers, Stewart and van Leeuwen; Day and Morgan; Walkden, Burford, Heasman; Macae, Kennedy; Godfrey, Taylor and Spuit.

Major Curran will referee this match while E. A. Matthews (Club) will officiate in the Tournament game.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

Fifteen players will participate in the Colony Open Junior Chess Championship, play in which competition will commence on Thursday, February 13.

The strongest contenders are A. Y. Biriukoff, A. Kurrik and To Yu-lau, with a half-dozen of the other players only a shade below in playing strength.

The first round games area as follows:—

Kurrik v. Un Kwai-yung, Morton v. Lee, Gardner v. Grosfald, Kolatchoff v. d'Almeida, Danenberg v. Brinukoff, To Yu-lau v. Tausz, Drake v. Pounard, Petrov drawing the bye.

The draw for white and black will be announced with the issue of the round-by-round programme.

Games will be played on Tuesdays or Thursdays, the date set on the programme to be final dates for commencement of games.

Games adjourned will have to be completed within a fortnight of the date of adjournment.

All Games will be played at the Peninsula Hotel.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

SENIOR LEAGUE

(At the Kowloon Football Club Ground)

Chinese Baseballers v Recreio Aces (1.30 p.m.) (Molthen, Kitchell and Harry Campos.)

Canadian Chinese v Filipinos (2.45 p.m.) (Nick Beltrao, Nip Lum and Nazarin.)

Indians v Hong Kong Baseballers (4.00 p.m.) (Johnnie Alvares, Herbie Quon and Vancy Marques.)

JUNIOR LEAGUE

(At Chatham Road Military Football Ground)

Chung Hwa v South China (9.00 a.m.) (Bimby Ablong, Roy Maxwell and Willie Woo.)

V. R. C. v Cosmopolitans (10.15 a.m.) (Cecil Winglee, P. K. Lau and Richard Chung.)

Royal Engineers v Liga Portuguesa (11.30 a.m.) (Plug Gillespie, Alec Azedo and Bubbles Remedios.)

R. A. F. v 8th R.A. (12.45 p.m.) (Wally Welford, C. Coelho and Daddy Souza.)

LADIES' LEAGUE

(At the Kowloon Football Club Ground)

Wildcats v Canadian Chinese (9.00 a.m.) (Doc Molthen, Nick Beltrao and Caco Marques.)

Cardinals v Chung Hwa (10.30 a.m.) (Nip Lum, Herbie Quon and Johnnie Delgado.)

Baby Panthers v Recreio Ramblerettes (12.00 noon.) (T. Chan, Al Lau and Dave Walker.)

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

(At the Marina Ground)

Cables v Chartered Bankers (10.00 a.m.) (Bob Laurel, Charlie C. W. Ng and Tony Pereira.)

Lacas v Texaco (11.30 a.m.) (Vancy Marques, Damzo d'Aquino and Art Ribeiro.)

HOCKEY SELECTIONS ON VIEW TO-DAY

A fairly large crowd of spectators is expected to be at the Club ground this afternoon to witness a practice game in which the 17 players nominated for the forthcoming Inter-port hockey match against Macao, will meet Y.M.C.A. first eleven, starting at 4 p.m.

Prior to the above game, Y.M.C.A. second eleven will be seen in action with a team not yet specified on the same ground, commencing at 3 p.m.

On the Central British Association ground, St. Andrew's Ladies will entertain Club de Recreio Ladies in a friendly hockey match, buy-off at 3.30 p.m.

Following are the 17 players nominated for the Interport and the teams for Y.M.C.A.:

Nominated players:—V. M. Bonwell (Club), V. C. Bond (Club), J. Gonsalves (Recreio), Capt. Kamptan Parsad (Punjabs), R. Marques (Recreio), M. H. Hussain (Khales), Capt. H. Wood (Club), W. A. Read (Club), N. B. M. Whitley (Club), T. Alves (Recreio), D. T. Smith (Club), Lt. J. Ross (Punjabs), G. Singh (Khales), A. E. P. Guest (Khales), W. Parker (Police), L. Ozorio (Recreio) and W. Brown (Police).

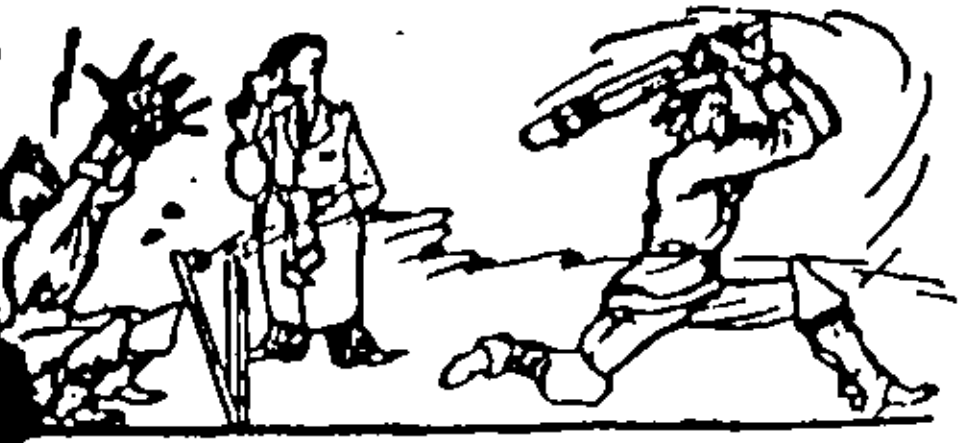
Y. 1st XI:—Cleggett, Taylor and Yourleff; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Spenceclay, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and Duffie.

Y. 2nd XI:—Cleggett, Grant and Rullton; Saxby, Tomlinson and Gorman; Macey, Olson, Spare, Fantey and Banks.

SOCCER

SHIELD FIRST-ROUND GAMES THE WEEK-END ATTRACTION

Grand Game Expected Between Sing Tao-M'sex.



C. S. C. C. SHOULD DO WELL AGAINST RECREIO

By "Adrem"

TWO GOOD MATCHES ARE DOWN FOR DECISION IN SENIOR DIVISION OF THE CRICKET LEAGUE THIS AFTERNOON. AT COX'S ROAD KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB WILL MEET INDIAN RECREATION CLUB AND AT THE VALLEY CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB WILL BE OPPOSED BY RECREIO.

On the first meeting of K.C.C. and I.R.C., the former club had little difficulty in winning although they had to scramble for the 139 runs set them. With the teams almost identical there is no reason why this result should not be repeated although, at the moment of writing, the weather shows little inclination to clear in which case the wicket will be easy and scoring probably slow but high.

I expect a great struggle to be staged between C.S.C.C. and Recreio, notwithstanding the fact that the former team were badly beaten by Craigenower last week.

It is a peculiar fact that Civil Service batsmen never appear to do as well when playing for Civil Service as they do when turning out for other clubs but with Richardson on which to anchor their hopes and Griffiths and Perry in such fine form just now, I feel that they are just about due for runs. I do not rate the Recreio attack higher than Craigenower's, while there should be little in the batting.

Recreio will have an edge in the field and it is possible that this will decide the issue.

The game between University and Craigenower has been postponed.

None of the junior matches look to be very interesting and K.C.C. and Craigenower should win easily, with a draw the probable result of the I.R.C.-University fixture.

Programme

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

FIRST DIVISION

K. C. C. v. I. R. C.
C. S. C. C. v. Recreio

SECOND DIVISION

P. R. C. v. K. C. C.
I. R. C. v. University
C. C. C. v. C. S. C. C.

FRIENDLIES

Recreio v. Army
H. K. C. C. v. Army

C.S.C.C. 1st XI:—J. E. Richardson, J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. College, V. N. Forlescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. K. Hawkins, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. B. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.

Recreio 1st XI:—E. L. Gosano (Capt.), W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodrigues, L. Ozorio, E. M. L. Soares, L. G. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, A. Beltrao, M. D'Almada Remedios and A. M. Prata.

K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, D. Hung, A. Immern, F. R. Zimmern, R. E. Lee, J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, E. F.

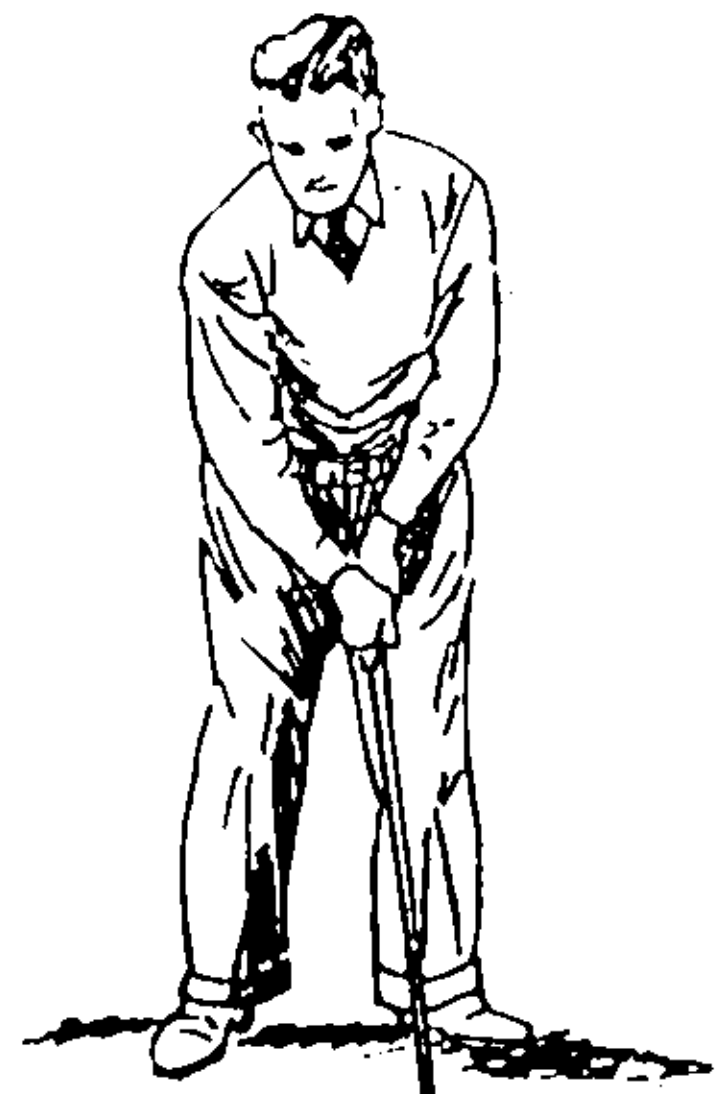
Combined R.A. Side On View To-morrow

By "Referee"

THE FIRST ROUND of the Shield competition starts this week-end when a number of games will be played and all the Chinese teams will be in action in the Senior competition.

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By BEST BALL

The golfer who stands rigidly to the ball, legs stiff from ankle to hip, is in no position to make a complete backstroke. Yet this is just the position many golfers wrongly assume when they want to drive the ball for that bit of extra distance.

In order to gain a wide, complete stroke, the knee joints must be relaxed. This allows a comfortable, easy backstroke with full cooperation between leg, arm and body action. Avoid bending the legs too much. This may very well lead to altering the constant position of the body, which must be maintained from start to finish. However, with the knees slightly bent and the legs relaxed, there is no restraining influence, or braking power put on the upstroke.

Next Article:—Indoor Practice in Putting.

The best game should be that on Club ground between Sing Tao and Middlesex and, in view of the past performance of Middlesex, when they met the first time in the League, a good and fast game is anticipated.

Sing Tao will be without the services of Lee Tin-sang and his place will be filled by Mak Shui-hon, otherwise the teams will be unchanged.

The "Diehards" are also making no changes in their side and with their forwards in shooting form, Cheung Wing-choy will have a busy afternoon.

Recruit To Club

South China meet Club at Caroline Hill and on current form should win easily but Club have in the past upset them and the Caroline Hill team should not take things too easily.

Davis, formerly of Tientsin, will be playing for Club, while Forrow will return to the side.

Kwong Wah are confident of eliminating Kowloon in view of their consistent performances recently but Kowloon have always been at their best in the Shield competition and with their best team available should do well.

To-morrow's Games

To-morrow Combined Royal Artillery make their first appearance in local football after an absence of many years when they meet Eastern.

The Gunners are not sure of their line up, while Eastern are only making one change. C. T. Tsao will be an absentee and his place will be filled by N. Z. Lee from Shanghai.

At Causeway Bay, Police meet Navy in their postponed First Division encounter and in view of the present weakened state of the Navy side, should win.

THE TEAMS

SOUTH CHINA—Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-long, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yung-sang, Mak Siu-hon; Tsui Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Leung Wing-chiu; Yeung Shiu-yick, Lai Shiu-wing, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee and Ip Pak-wah.

CLUB—Odell; Eardley, S. Strange; Skinner, Upton, Millington; Fowler, Forrow, Reiertsen, Scott and Bickford. **MIDDLESEX**—Jackson; Freshwater, Sheehan; Thomas, Bright, Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Bullen, Saw and Marrable.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai; Cheung Wing, Chung Kim-fai, Yeung Tse-tsang; Cheuk Shek-kam, Chan Wai-sang, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

R.A. SOCCER TEAM

The Combined Royal Artillery team against Eastern to-morrow will be selected from the following players:—

P. J. T. Skipwith (8th Hvy. Regt.), Ronson (8th Hvy. Regt.), Craven (5th A.A. Regt.), Owens (12th Hvy. Regt.), Guy (8th Hvy. Regt.), Taylor (8th Hvy. Regt.), Elliott (12th Hvy. Regt.), Roberts (12th Hvy. Regt.), McDermott (8th Hvy. Regt.), McCaddon (5th A.A. Regt.), Cross (12th Hvy. Regt.), Purdue (8th Hvy. Regt.), Minshall (12th Hvy. Regt.), Lawton (5th A.A. Regt.), Hole (8th Hvy. Regt.), Beaton (12th Hvy. Regt.), Atkins (12th Hvy. Regt.), Greig (12th Hvy. Regt.), Evans (8th Hvy. Regt.) and Byres (8th Hvy. Regt.).

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the soccer programme for the coming week-end.

To-day

SENIOR SHIELD

Sing Tao v Middlesex (Club, 4.15 p.m.)
South China v Club (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
Kwong Wah v Kowloon (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

Sing Tao "B" v Kit Chee (Club, 2.45 p.m.)
Kwong Wah v International (Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)
Chinese A.S.C. v South China (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)
R. Engineers v 36th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Signals (Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)
R. A. M. C. v Police (Causeway Bay, 2.45 p.m.)

FIRST DIVISION

Navy v Police (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION
Club v R. A. O. C. (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

R. A. F. v 35th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)

To-morrow

SENIOR SHIELD

Combined R.A. v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD

R. A. S. C. v 24th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)
Eastern v Navy (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

RIFLE SHOOTING PROGRAMME

The Police Rifle and Revolver Club have arranged the Hong Kong Rifle Association's programme for the Spoon Shoot to be held over the Kowloon City Ranges to-morrow morning, commencing at 8.30. The programme is as follows:

Rangers 300 and 600 yards; Shots one sighter (convertible) and 10 to count. A Silver Cup will be awarded to the competitor with the highest nett score. Individual highest nett and handicap scores in each section will receive P.R. and R.C. spoons (winner of the cup will not be eligible for this competition).

Winners of the Sealed Envelope Competition will receive P.R. and R.C. spoons.

Team shoot: Teams of five from any class. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. Small clubs may make up teams by including members of other clubs, but no competitor may fire for more than one team. Teams must be declared before firing and cards must be initiated by the Hon. Secretary or his deputy. Entrance fee per team \$1.

Revolver shoot: 10 and 15 yards; competitor with highest nett score will receive P.R. and R.C. spoon.

Major Newton will conduct the Clay-Pigeon shoot and will make his own conditions. Winner will receive a P.R. and R.C. Spoon.

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R.A.F. BLASTS A WAY FOR GENERAL WAVELL'S ARMY

Aerodromes On Way To Benghazi Heavily Attacked

HAYASHI EXAMINED SECRETLY

The secret preliminary examination held in the case of Mr. Y. Hayashi, President of the Japanese Ratepayers Association, who shot Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, at the Ratepayers' Meeting on Jan. 23, is expected to be completed in ten days.

This was stated by the Japanese Embassy spokesman at a press conference in Shanghai.

The trial of Mr. Hayashi, the spokesman said, would be held in Nagasaki.

Mr. Hayashi admitted shooting Mr. Keswick but gave no motive, the spokesman stated.

Mr. Hayashi was formally charged with attempted murder on January 25. Under Japanese law a murder conviction carries a sentence of three years to death. Sentence on conviction of attempted murder would be "not less than half that," according to the spokesman. — Reuter.

Operations Continuing To Develop

A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY STATED THAT ON ALL FRONTS OPERATIONS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP TO OUR ADVANTAGE. THE R.A.F. AGAIN BLASTED A WAY FOR THE ADVANCE OF BRITAIN'S IMPERIAL ARMY OF THE NILE.

AN R.A.F. communique states that on Thursday activities were mainly focussed on enemy aerodromes, which were attacked several times by bombers.

An aerodrome situated on the main road between Derna and Benghazi was heavily bombed. Direct hits were observed on hangars and other buildings around the aerodrome.

One Italian fighter was shot down in flames by British fighters. In East Africa aircraft dived on a bridge of strategic value and straddled it with bombs.

Attacks were also made on Italian artillery and infantry positions in the Moyale area.

Kenya Operations

Meanwhile Nigerian troops operating on the coastal sector of

Kenya have penetrated into Italian Somaliland and destroyed the village of Kiamboni, near Dick's Head.

Not a single enemy soldier was encountered, it was stated in Nairobi yesterday.

Kiamboni was an advance post held by bandas (native levies) from which several raids had been carried out on Kenya fishing villages near the border.

The Italian village was set on fire and the Nigerian troops then withdrew.

Part of the operations was carried out by sea, so as to enable the troops to be transported easier. — Reuter.

JAPANESE 'PLANE DOWNED

Chinese anti-aircraft units were responsible for bringing down one of four Japanese planes raiding Shangjiao, Kiangsi, yesterday.

The machine was set ablaze in mid-air and crashed at a point four miles south-west of Shangjiao. It was reduced to a total wreck.

Several bombs were dropped at Shangjiao by the raiders. — Central News.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments etc. are notified in the "Gazette":

Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith resumed duty as Colonial Secretary.

Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North resumed duty as Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Miss M. Carew to be a Nursing Sister.

Mr. W. H. Lock to be a Member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee.

Senor A. Perez-Saez recognized as Consul-General for Peru.

Mr. I. G. Leyton to be acting Consul in charge of the Honduras Consulate.

SINGAPORE BUYS A TORNADO

The Singapore Turf Club is giving £10,000 for the purchase of a Tornado aeroplane which is described in Singapore as the latest and most up-to-date aircraft used by the Royal Air Force. — Reuter.

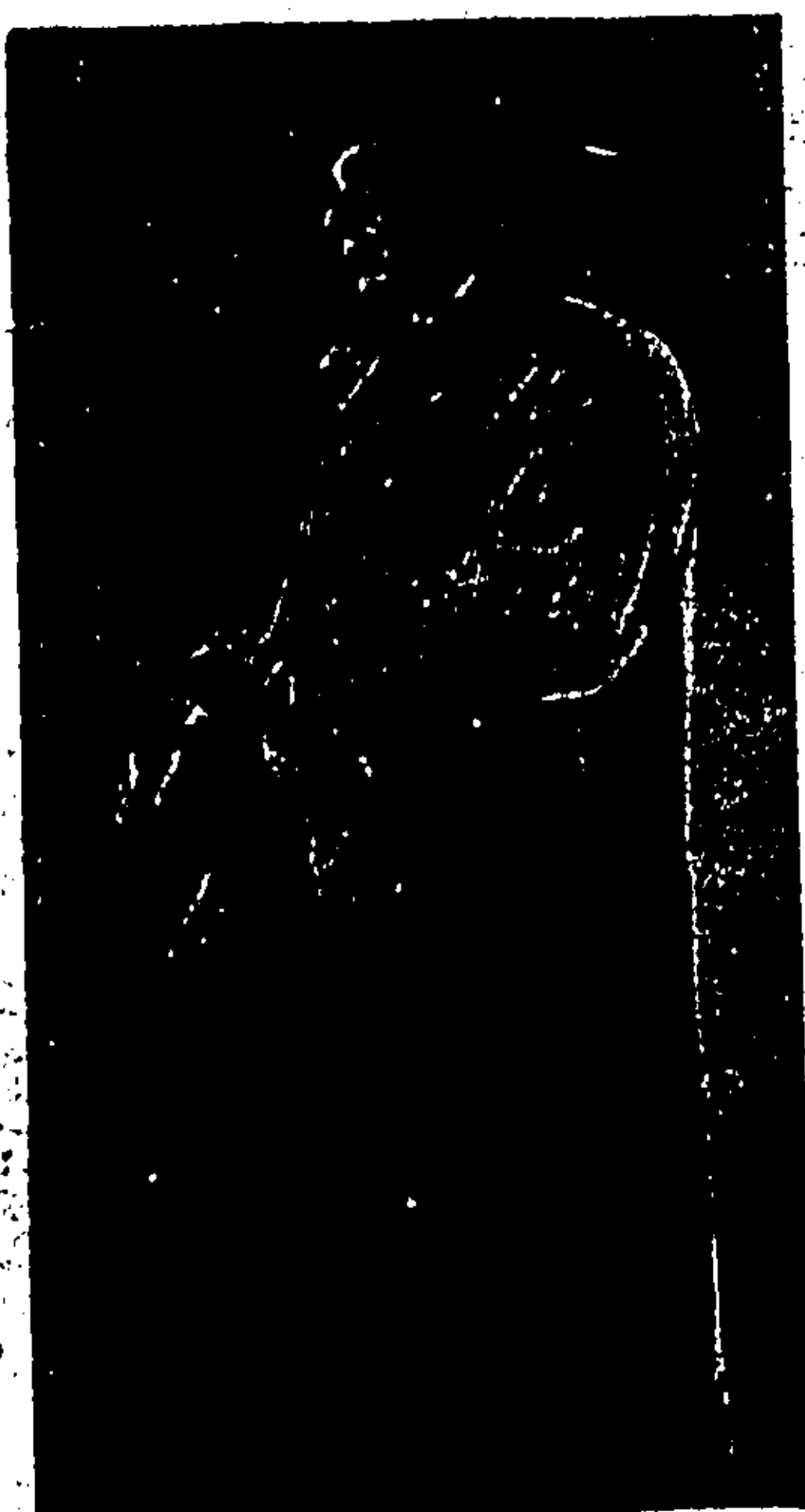
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